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## The Daily Commercial

FROM HARRISBURG, PA.


**The Pay of the Old Officers and their Grumbling---The Rules of the House--- A New and Proper Rule---Necessary Steps for Legislation.**

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.
HARRISBURG, January 18, 1868.

The Senate having adjourned on Thursday, and the House yesterday, until Monday evening, everything is quiet at the Capitol. The Joint resolution for the pay of the retiring officers having passed both Houses, and been signed by the Governor, those ex-officers received their pay and left for home; some of them muttering deep curses against a Republican Legislature that reduced their mileage; and others threatening vengeance because their members had selected other persons to fill the positions which these men have occupied for two, three, or four years. There are persons who are so unreasonable as to become very much dissatisfied if they are not kept in office all the time, not seeming to know that there are others equally competent and deserving who have never had any office whatever. There is quite a number of disappointed and sore-headed retiring officers, who upon their arrival at their homes will have serious charges to make against the present Legislature. But the cause of their evil opinions, and the reasons why they utter their sentiments, will be readily discovered, when it is known that their services have been dispensed with as officers of the present Legislature.

The House consumed the entire session of yesterday in discussing the question of Rules. It has been customary for a long time, on the first day of the session, or at least within a few days thereafter, for some member to offer the following resolution: "That the Rules of the last House be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered." Last year, however, when a resolution such as the above was offered, a point of order was raised by Mr. Waddell, of Chester, that such a resolution was out of order, because the forty-eighth rule of the House---which was as follows: "The rules now adopted shall be the rules of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth until otherwise ordered, and shall be published in pamphlet form, and delivered by the Clerk to the members of each succeeding Legislature, within the first week of the session," establishes the rules of the last House to be the rules of the next House without any such resolution. The Speaker last year, submitted the point of order raised by Mr. Waddell to the House for its decision, and it was decided by a majority of the members of that House that the point of order raised by the gentleman from Chester "was well taken," and that it was out of order to offer such a resolution. This session a similar resolution was offered, and the Speaker decided that, under the precedent established by the last House, the rules of that House became the rules of this, without any resolution to that effect. Yesterday, however, the question was again raised by Mr. Mann, of Potter, who took the ground that one Legislature could not make rules which would be binding upon a subsequent Legislature. The whole difficulty originated about Rule 47, which reads as follows: "No rule shall be altered or dispensed with, but by two-thirds of the members present." According to that rule it required a two-thirds vote to discharge a Committee from the further consideration of a bill and to bring the bill before the House for consideration.

It has been charged for several years that certain Committees in the House were controlled by a "Ring," composed of a majority of the Committee, and that if the "Ring" did not want a bill to become a law, they could keep it in the Committee so long that it could not be passed by the House before the session would close, and that unless there were two-thirds in the House favorable to the bill, a bare majority of the Committee could defeat it by refusing to report it.

Mr. Mann offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a Committee to revise the rules of the House. Mr. Hickman amended by offering the following: "That the rules adopted by the last House of Representatives be adopted as the rules to govern this body," with this exception, that a new rule, as follows, shall be added, viz.: "That after a bill has been ten days in the hands of any committee, after having been referred to them, a majority of votes shall be sufficient to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the same."

Mr. Hickman's resolution was adopted, after a protracted discussion, by an overwhelming vote. This was considered a victory in favor of a Free Railroad law and also for the Connellsville bill. However, I am inclined to think that, however it may have been during past sessions of the Legislature, the present session is not likely to be interfered with by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. That corporation has certainly not intermeddled with any thing yet.

As some of your readers may not be familiar with the *modus operandi* of legislation, I will, in my next letter, give the different steps necessary to be taken to get a bill through both Houses and signed by the Governor. JUNIUS.

## CANADA.

**Distress Among the Poor---Whisky Frauds.**

MONTREAL, January 18.---Great distress is reported among the working classes of Quebec. The Montreal Board of Trade met today to devise means of relief.

Developments in regard to Hlen, the liquor dealer who absconded to the States, show the loss to the customs through his operations amount to $20,000. A portion of his cellar was set apart as a bonded warehouse, and it is supposed he drew liquor by means of a suction pump, disposing of it to persons on the ground floor, subsequently substituting water for the liquor. There are nearly two hundred similar bonded warehouses in the city, and some reform in the present system is loudly called for.

# FIRST EDITION.

12 O'CLOCK, M.

## THE CAPITAL.

TARIFF --- ALASKA --- FINANCE.

Policy of Democratic Congressmen.

The Stanton-Johnson Imbroglio.

Progress of Reconstruction in the South.

The New Reconstruction Bill.

GENERAL GRANT OPPOSED TO IT.

New Revenue Bill Proposed.

Military Nominations by Sec'y Stanton.

Cool Protest from Booksellers.

Prohibiting Transfer of Appropriations.

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 18, 1868.

**Congress.**

The Senate not being in session to-day, the House galleries were well filled to listen to the usual speech making. In Committee of the Whole there were several manuscript speeches on the Tariff, Alaska and Finance. The Reconstruction bill will be disposed of at 2 P. M. on Monday.

**Democratic Policy.**

The Democratic Senators and members held a caucus last night to discuss what line of policy should be pursued on the important measures pending in Congress. There was a full attendance and much unanimity, but it was resolved not to make public the conclusions of the conference.

**War Department and White House.**

All is quiet at the War Department and White House. The callers on the President to-day were unusually large in numbers, and included General Sherman, Judge Black, Senators Dixon, Henderson, and Norton, and Secretaries Seward, McCulloch and Welles, together with twenty members of Congress.

Mr. Stanton was also visited by his Congressional friends, and urged not to resign. No official orders have been issued regarding the improglio.

**Southern Reconstruction.**

Senator Upson has received a letter from General Hamilton, of Texas, stating that the Republicans will certainly carry that State and reconstruct under the military bill, if not interfered with. Mr. Wilson has information also from Louisiana to the effect that the Republicans will carry that State by about twenty-five thousand majority, notwithstanding Hancock's efforts to the contrary. He thinks they are certain of controlling all the Southern States except Virginia and Arkansas.

**Grant and the New Reconstruction Law.**

There is no longer any doubt as to General Grant's views of the new reconstruction law. Representative Orth, of Indiana, said to him last night in presence of a large company at the Speaker's reception, that the House would put the bill through right away. Grant immediately replied that he sincerely hoped not, that he saw no necessity for it, and that he should be very sorry to see it pass. A prominent Republican Senator, speaking of the bill to-day, said that if it passed the House by a strong enough majority to show the sense of that body, there would perhaps be no necessity for its passage in the Senate. The inference from his language was that the real object in introducing the measure was to intimidate the President in the execution of the existing reconstruction laws.

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19, 1868.

**A Revenue Bill.**

The Ways and Means Committee have decided to report an entirely new revenue bill and making it a substitute for all of the laws now in force, instead of adhering to the previous practice of reporting certain amendments to various sections of the old laws, thereby creating confusion in the department and among tax payers.

**Nominations by Stanton.**

It is expected that Secretary Stanton will send some military nominations to the President this week for his signature, which will necessitate official action on the question as to whether the Executive intends to recognize Mr. Stanton or not.

**Kentucky Contested Election.**

The decision of the Committee on Elections in the case of Young, of Kentucky, is expected to be laid before the House on Tuesday. No doubt exists that it will be against him, but it will not at the same time give the seat to McKee.

**The St. Louis Arsenal.**

The Military Committee will report a bill to the House providing for the sale of the Arsenal at St. Lodis.

**The Reconstruction Supplement.**

The House will doubtless pass the reconstruction bill to-morrow afternoon after the business hour. Mr. Bingham will make the closing argument, and he has yielded a portion of his time to Gen. Butler, who will endeavor to secure the adoption of his amendment empowering the State Conventions at the South to replace the present State officers with others of their own selection. The Senate will not probably take any immediate action on the bill after it shall have been passed by the House. It may be that the adoption of the new Constitution in Alabama will show that no additional reconstruction is necessary.

**Sandwich Island Treaty.**

The reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands will be brought before the Senate for ratification this week. The Senators from the Pacific States are its most earnest advocates.

**Booksellers' Protest.**

Protests are being made by booksellers, who have enriched themselves by the sale of pirated editions of English works, against the new postal treaty with Great Britain, by which many books can be obtained from London by mail at lower prices than American reprints can be purchased.

**Transfer of Appropriations.**

The House Committee on Appropriations has instructed General Butler to report a bill to-morrow prohibiting the transfer of appropriations made for one object under the charge of a Department to another object, and requiring all moneys received by any branch of the Government to be paid into the Treasury, and only drawn out under authority of law.

**Naval Appropriation.**

The revised and reduced estimates for the naval service submitted by Secretary Welles will be further razed by the House Committee on Appropriations, and many of the proposed improvements at the navy yards will be abandoned, at least for the present.

**Sherman's Campaign.**

The Engineer Department has nearly completed for publication a large map illustrating the campaign of General Sherman.

**SECOND DISPATCH.**

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19, 1868.

**Secretary Stanton and the President.**

Since sending my last dispatch, it is learned officially that the President has decided not to permit any orders to go from the War Department except in pursuance of law, which being literally followed will prevent any orders from Secretary Stanton, and compel everything of that character to be issued by direction of the President.

**Grant Visits Richmond.**

General Grant goes to Richmond to-morrow to attend a meeting of the Trustees of the Southern Peabody School Fund.

WASHINGTON, January 18.

NATIONAL BANK SPECULATIONS.

General Logan will introduce the following resolution in the House Monday:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the House any information in his possession concerning loans by any National Banks in the city of New York in violation of section 20 of the National Currency Act, of any portion of the capital or surplus of such Banks provided by said act, upon railroad or mining stocks at fictitious values, and whether he has information in his possession that any officers of such banks are engaged in speculative operations in such stocks, thereby impairing the capital and credit of their respective institutions, and that in the event of his not being in possession of the necessary facts to furnish this information, he take immediate steps to cause an examination to be made, and adopt such measures as will compel compliance to such banks with the provisions of the National Currency Act.

THE WAR OFFICE.

To-day is unusually quiet here. Everything goes on quietly at the war office, and up to the present time no official communication has passed between the President and Stanton.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The receipts of internal revenue during the week were only $2,178,000.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Democratic Congressmen held a caucus last night. It is not known what they did, as they pledged themselves not to communicate an account of their proceedings to outside parties.

WEEKLY TREASURY STATEMENT.

Fractional currency issued for the week, $560,000; amount shipped, $874,756; amount redeemed and destroyed, $349,400; National bank notes issued, $188,880; amount of the latter in circulation, $309,566,296.

PROBABLE DEFEAT OF SUPREME COURT BILL.

The *Herald's* Washington special says: The defeat of the Supreme Court bill in the Senate appears to be a foregone conclusion. The reconstruction bill seems more likely to pass.

RIGHTS OF NATURALIZED CITIZENS.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee will report about Thursday such a bill concerning the rights of naturalized citizens abroad as will give entire satisfaction to naturalized citizens of the United States.

UTAH CONTESTED ELECTION.

McGroarty, the defeated Gentile candidate for Congress, in Utah, has arrived to submit evidence to the Committee on Elections towards contesting the seat of Hooper, the delegate from the Territory. McGroarty claims the elections as conducted by the bishops of the Mormon Church, who act as judges at the polls, are not only unfair but wholly at variance with the mode prescribed by the United States.

DEATH OF NOAH SMITH.

Noah Smith, principal journal clerk of the Senate, died to-day in Philadelphia.

THE BILL TO ADMIT COLORADO.

It is expected the Senate will soon take up the bill reported from the Committee on Territories during the present Congress, providing for the admission of the State of Colorado. Since the President vetoed the bill for a similar purpose about a year ago, the population has largely increased, the vote in August last being two thousand three hundred and forty-five more than the previous year, and the people generally being now more than heretofore in favor of admission, the friends of the measure, for these and other reasons, are sanguine of success. Ex-Gov. Hunt, of Colorado, one of the Senators elect, arrived here from Denver this morning. He says the Indian Peace Commissioners have been deceived by every misrepresentations in regard to his course with the Indians while Governor of Colorado, and that there is not a single fact to show that he did not earnestly and faithfully strive to avoid Indian hostilities in that Territory.

THE GETTYSBURG GIFT---A HOME.

The House Committee on Retrenchment has finished its consideration of the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, giving reasons why the scheme known as the "Gettysburg Asylum for Invalid Soldiers" was exempted from the payment of the special tax, and in the course of the present week General Van Wyck will make a report giving a history of the scheme, concluding with a resolution requesting the Commissioner to revoke the permit so that taxes and license be collected from said Association the same as if no permit had ever been given.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Strong efforts are being made to prevent the contraction of the power of the Freedmen's Bureau in Tennessee and Kentucky, as designed. In a circular letter of Major General Howard, approved by General Grant, Secretary of War *ad interim*, it is represented to the department that no necessity exists for retaining the agents of the Bureau in those States, instead of committing its affairs to the administration of army officers exclusively. Within a day or two the members of the Tennessee Congressional delation have called on Secretary Stanton, having in view the same object, and he will at once consider the subject. A petition signed by several hundred colored men of Maryland has been received by Gen. Howard, praying for the continuance of the Bureau in that State.

SENATOR GUTHRIE.

Though still in feeble health, is expected to take his seat in the Senate for the first time this session, on Tuesday, having left his home in Kentucky to-day for Washington.

### Washington Topics and Gossip.

MR. JOHNSON COOLING DOWN.

A Conservative Senator who called upon Mr. Johnson this morning found him in a very peaceable disposition, with not the slightest indication of warlike tendencies, except upon General Grant, whom he charged with considerable warmth as having sold out to the Radicals. He says he has concluded to allow Mr. Stanton to serve out the term, however, but he is determined that he shall have no more power or duty than is conferred upon him by the statute.

HE FEARS CONGRESS.

He says he would like to put some one else in the War Department, but he has been assured that were he to send an angel into the Senate for confirmation that they would quickly throw the name back marked "rejected," and he does not wish to give them any more chances to offer him insult. The Senator concurred with him, and told him that in the present frame of mind of Congress they would seize upon the slightest deviation from what they conceived to be proper respect to their views to hurriedly impeach, suspend, and remove him. He said he fully realized the situation, but that he would show the country yet that he had power enough left to resent the insult put upon him by the reinstatement of Mr. Stanton, and the repeal of the opinion that General Grant would, if elected, continue Mr. Stanton through his administration.

GRANT AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The Senate Military Committee to-day agreed to yield to Gen. Grant's wishes, and not reduce the regular army any time this year. Grant says he cannot spare a man now, either from the South or from the frontier posts, or from the overland line to California.

THE RECONSTRUCTION BILL.

There is no doubt of the passage by the House, on Monday next, of the Reconstruction bill, by a strict party vote. To-morrow will be given over to speech-making.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS.

Senator Dixon expresses fear of the Democrats losing the next election in Connecticut. He says that there are a large amount of bonds held by wealthy Democrats all over the State, and that the Democratic party in the West are determined to consolidate their forces in the policy of paying the bonds in greenbacks; and on that issue he says they will lose all hope in the New England States.

A GENERAL FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

It is learned that the President has expressed himself to-day in the most positive manner respecting the revolutionary measures now being put through Congress. If Congress so enacts as to deprive him of any portion of his constitutional authority, *the Executive who was so directed would not make resistance, but would invite the people as Congress was and does, may be expected to resist such an encroachment with all the power at his command.* His right and duty as Commander-in-Chief of the Army of which it is proposed to deprive him in the pending reconstruction bill, are among the prerogatives which Mr. Johnson will consistently defend.

THE PRESIDENT AND STANTON.

The President stated this morning that he does not intend, as has been reported, to issue any proclamation in reference to the Stanton imbroglio. His Democratic advisors urged such a proceeding; but he has determined to refrain from any action in the matter for the present, and will await further developments before taking any steps towards appointing another to Stanton's position.

GRANT AND THE NEW BILL.

The statement which was telegraphed that General Grant was upon the floor of the House yesterday, opposing the passage of the reconstruction bill in the present form, we learn from an authoritative source, to be entirely incorrect. Parties who conversed with the General on the subject, state that he was very guarded in his language respecting the bill, but he did not offer an objection to it. He does not think he should express himself in regard to the bill while it is before Congress. If passed he would give it his hearty support, and endeavor to carry its provisions out faithfully.

## VIRGINIA.

**The Convention---Gen. Grant---Gen. Butler Challenged.**

RICHMOND, January 18.---In the Convention to-day, the bill of rights was under discussion, and seven sections were adopted, including one declaring Virginia a co-equal member of the General Government, and entitled to all benefits and subject to all burthens as other States.

The Judiciary Committee reported adversely to settling debts prior to 1865 at 25 cents on the dollar.

Gen. Grant is expected here Tuesday to attend a meeting of citizens of the Peabody Educational Fund.

Robert Stevens, colored, of Charleston, S. C., has entered suit in the United States Court here against the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad Company for requiring his wife to ride in a second-class car when she had a first-class ticket. He lays his damages at $1,000.

The Republican will publish, on Monday, the challenge sent by Colonel White, a Republican member of the State Convention, to General Butler, when he was in the city last week. It demands reparation for being ordered out of General Butler's department during the war. The affair is still pending. Colonel White is one of the Republicans who refused to hear General Butler speak.

## XLth CONGRESS.

Speech Making in the House.

The Alaska Treaty Opposed.

Mr. Kelley on Industrial Interests.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 18, 1868.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATATIVES.

Mr. ROSS, rising to a personal explanation, referred to what he had said yesterday in reference to one of his colleagues (Mr. Farnsworth) drawing pay as a Brigadier General and as a member of Congress at the same time. He said he had no knowledge or information of his colleague having done so. He therefore considered it proper and just to take it back.

Mr. FARNSWORTH thought the retraction very well as far as it went, but it did not cover the whole case. His colleague had spoken of relatives of his wearing shoulder straps or being employed in foreign missions.

Mr. ROSS explained that that part of his remarks was not intended to apply to Mr. Farnsworth, but to his other colleague, Mr. Washburne, who had applied it to himself.

Mr. FARNSWORTH stated that he had many relatives in the army, who took the garb of the soldier, but the only relative he had had in the army wearing shoulder straps was a gallant officer who fell at Gettysburg. He had not rotated as his colleague charged, from one place to the other. When the war began he raised a regiment and took it into the field, and was in the service fighting the enemy when his constituents elected him to Congress. He remained in the service till March 4, 1864, when he tendered his resignation and from that day his pay as an officer had ceased. He wished he could say that all the Knights of the Golden Circle, fighting the Union army in the rear.

Mr. ROSS declared that any such allusion to him was entirely without foundation in truth. He had never been a member of any such organization. He had never had any sympathy with those who had been striving to destroy the Government by the rebellion, and had none with those now trying to destroy it.

Mr. FARNSWORTH asked whether his colleague had not repeatedly declared on the stump in Illinois that the war was an abolition, an unholy war, and that he never voted and he never would vote a dollar to carry it on.

Mr. ROSS assured his colleague he had never said any such thing. He had objected, as the Democratic party had objected, to the war carried on for abolition purposes; but as a general thing he had voted for the appropriation bills unless there was something very obnoxious in them.

Mr. FARNSWORTH said he was of course bound to believe his colleague, but he had been told this morning by a gentleman of the highest respectability, that he had now in his possession the report of a speech made by his colleague in a lodge of Knights of the Golden Circle.

Mr. ROSS repeated his denial. Any statement that he had been in such a lodge or had anything to do with the order was false in every respect.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, Mr. DAWES in the Chair, for general debate on the President's message.

Mr. BAKER addressed the Committee on the subject of the treaty for the acquisition of Russian American possessions. He contended that the treaty, although complete in form, was not the supreme law of the land until it received the sanction of the legislative department of the government, by way of making an appropriation to carry it out. That acquisition ought to be disapproved and the appropriation refused. Asking for such power of Congress to act from its own free discretion in appropriating money for the purchase of the new territory, there was another ground on which he rested the power of Congress to reject such a treaty. The constitution provides that new States may be admitted by the Congress into the Union, and thus Congress was made the sole judge of what the elements shall constitute the political body of the republic. He argued that the acquisition of British America, and the logic that it would have a southern counterpoise, composed of the West Indies, Central America and Mexico, and thus the life of any American republic be smothered by the enormous and crude masses which would be flung prematurely upon it. He appealed to Congress to rise to the height of the question, to the altitude of independent and manly statesmanship, by disposing of the subject, not in a spirit of mean subserviency to those who had no constitutional accordancy over Congress in the matter, but in the free exercise of that power in which the Constitution had expressly devolved on Congress.

Mr. KELLEY addressed the Committee on the industrial interests of the country. He attributed the present depression to the enormous exactions of taxation the present paralysis in trade. The Secretary of the Treasury and his adherents were responsible for this terrible condition of credit and business. He himself, if he were asked whether he did not wish to return to specie payment, he would answer he did, but not in the way of bankruptcy and contraction. The country was not, however, returning to specie payments. The difference between the greenback and the gold dollar was widening with every month. The country was not on the road to resumption, and would not be until confidence was restored and industry quickened by the repeal of needless taxes that were giving foreign manufacturers an advantage in American markets, nor until the Secretary of the Treasury ceased to use his power to contract the currency and to tamper with the market value of every species of property by secret operations in gold, and that on the 1st of July next.

Mr. WOODWARD spoke on the subject of finances and the national debt, favoring, so long as there were two kinds of legal tenders, the payment of all the debt not expressly engaged in their terms, in the two, yet contending that the legal tender was unconstitutional, and arguing that it ought to be repealed as the true road to specie payment. He opposed repudiation, favored restoration of the ten excluded States and their Senators and the repeal of the cotton tax and reconstruction laws.

Mr. BLAINE argued in favor of the payment of bonds in gold, and against the issue of any more legal tenders.

Mr. HUBBARD, of West Virginia, argued that the 5-20 bonds should be paid in coin or its equivalent, and favored the substitution of national currency for legal tenders.

Mr. AXTELL spoke in opposition to the reconstruction bill, when the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

## HUNTINGDON, PA.

**Meeting of Republican Conferees---Delegates to State Convention.**

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
HUNTINGDON, PA., January 18, 1868.

The Conferees of the Representative District composed of the counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata, met here to-day to elect delegates to the Republican State Convention. Milton S. Lytle, of Huntingdon, and N. C. Wilson, of Mifflin county, were elected.

The following resolution was adopted: That our Representative in the Legislature, Hon. Henry S. Wharton, has at all times faithfully, conscientiously and ably performed his duty to his constituency, and that we heartily approve his course in endeavoring to secure independent action and untrammelled legislation on the part of the body of which he is a member.

## FT. WAYNE, IND.

**Boy Drowned while Skating---Result of Disobedience.**

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
FORT WAYNE, IND., January 18, 1868.---Frank Metzger, a youth about fifteen years old, while skating on the canal, west of the aqueduct, last evening, broke through at a point where workmen had been gathering ice a short time before, and was drowned. He had been repeatedly warned not to venture on the place deemed insecure, but paid no attention. His body was found after a search of two hours.

## VALPARAISO, IND.

**A Pittsburgher the Victim of a Confidence Man.**

**Special Dispatch to the Commercial.**
VALPARAISO, IND., January 18.---Ike Wetz, Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway detective, arrested and brought to this place to-day Sandy Hamilton, the notorious confidence man, who swindled a Pittsburgher named James Kerr out of four hundred and forty dollars, on a train yesterday. He is in jail.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

**Reconstruction Convention---Confusion.**

RALEIGH, January 18.---Much confusion prevailed in the Convention to-day, and nothing was accomplished. The resolution of Mr. Durham, Conservative, alluded to yesterday, was, after much filibustering, indefinitely postponed. O'HARA, a negro, was elected Engrossing Clerk. The *Sentinel* reporter is still in his seat.

The Clearfield *Journal* says: We have but little definite information as to the quantity of timber being taken out, but the indications are that it will fall something short of that of last year. We do not say this for the purpose of stimulating an increase of quantity; but, on the contrary, to caution our people against overstocking the market. Large quantities, of last year's timber still remain unsold, and, should the supply equal that of last spring, and money remain as scarce as it is now, a great loss will be experienced by those who can least bear it.

# SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

## EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Americans Arrested at Queenstown.

G. F. Train, Grinnell and Gee.

Charge Against Them, Fenianism.

THE PRESS LAW IN FRANCE.

Train's Baggage Searched.

No Justification for His Arrest.

He is a Newspaper Correspondent.

Seizure of Arms by the Police.

ANOTHER IRISH EDITOR ARRESTED.

Fenians Growing More Audacious.

Funeral Obsequies of Maximilian.

**Americans Arrested.**

LONDON, January 18.---When the Cunard steamship Scotia entered Queenstown last evening, a strong police force quietly went aboard and arrested George Francis Train, Grinnell and Gee, three of the passengers from New York. It is understood these gentlemen were taken into custody on a charge of being active members of the American wing of the Fenian organization. The proceedings cause considerable excitement both here and elsewhere throughout the Kingdom, especially among American residents.

**The Press Law in France.**

PARIS, January 18.---Duke de Persigny, in a letter, objects to the bill recently proposed for the government of the Press of the country. He thinks the Press will be allowed too much latitude. While he would favor a bill giving more freedom to the Press, the obvious tendency of the provisions of the present bill would be to leave journals free to assail public and private character.

**Swedish Parliament.**

STOCKHOLM, January 18.---Parliament met yesterday. The King delivered the opening speech. After reviewing the state of the country, he entered upon the subject of the efficiency of the army. He favored the enrollment of all the male population in militia organizations, and the purchase of the most improved arms for the use of the army.

**Railway Loan.**

BERLIN, January 18.---The Diet has passed a bill for a railway loan of forty million thalers.

**Italian Budget.**

FLORENCE, January 18.---The party of the left has been defeated in the Italian Parliament on a motion to adjourn the debate on the budget for this year.

**New Years' Fete.**

LONDON, January 18.---Count Sartiges, the French ambassador to Rome, attended the new years' fete of Francis I., Ex-King of the two Sicilies. Pleasant speeches were made, and there was much good feeling.

**Train.**

CORK, January 19.---A strict search of the person and baggage of George Francis Train disclosed no proof of complicity with the Fenian movements, or justifying his arrest by the British police on suspicion of being concerned in the late Irish outbreak. Train asserts that he came over to Europe as a special correspondent in Ireland for the New York *World*. He has formally protested through the United States Consul against his detention, and declares he was arrested upon no other ground of suspicion than the finding of an Irish paper in his trunk.

**Arms Seized.**

DUBLIN, January 19.---The police of Limerick have made a seizure of guns and ammunition found in the shops of that city, to put them out of reach of the Fenians.

**Arrest of Another Editor.**

DUBLIN, Evening, January 19.---Dr. Waters, another editor of the Dublin *Irishman*, has been arrested, but the particular charge is not stated. It is supposed, however, to be complicity in Fenian movements.

LONDON, January 19.---Mike Marratt, who, it is now claimed, is positively known to be the party who fired the fuse at the Clerkenwell explosion, has been arrested at Glasgow, and brought to London in irons. A man named Claney has been arrested in this city, charged with firing on the police.

**A Fenian Manifesto**

Was found this morning, posted on the wall of of the Mansion House, where it had been affixed despite the vigilance of the police, who have no clue to the perpetrator of this daring act. The boldness and audacity of the Fenians in the face of the vigorous measures of repression which have been adopted excites much uneasiness.

**Au-trian War Minister.**

VIENNA, January 19.---Knil has been appointed Austrian Minister of War.

**Maximilian.**

VIENNA, January 19.---The remains of Maximilian arrived here last night by special train from Trieste, in charge of a military escort. The train was met upon arrival by Austrian officials, a large body of troops and a vast crowd of people, who had assembled to give expression to their respect for the dead and their sympathy with the living. The remains were formally received by the Imperial family at the Palace this evening. The funeral obsequies will be celebrated with a solemn procession and requiem mass. The manifestation of popular feeling is general and intense.

VIENNA, Evening, January 19.---The obsequies of Maximilian were celebrated this evening with great pomp, and the honored remains consigned to their last resting place. The funeral procession was formed in the following order, viz: The head of the line, occupied by societies of orphans carrying appropriate symbols of national grief; following were the clergy in a body; the municipal authorities; the Mayor of the city; a corps of marines acting as a guard of honor; the catafalque bearing the casket containing the remains, the whole profusely decorated with immortelles; Admiral Tegethoff; officers of the navy and army in uniforms, with the usual badges of mourning. In the Church of the Capuchins were assembled the Emperor of Austria, the Archdukes, the Court Cabinet, generals of the army, the Diplomatic Corps and special envoys of foreign powers. After the requiem mass had been celebrated, the body was placed in the vault prepared for its reception. Vast crowds visited the remains during the day while lying in state.

Emperor Francis Joseph has written an autograph letter to Admiral Tegethoff, thanking him in the name of the Imperial family for his services in recovering the remains of the late Emperor of Mexico, and bringing them home for burial among his kindred.

**Vote on Annexation.**

COPENHAGEN, January 19.---The Government has received from the authorities of St. Thomas and St. Johns an official report of the vote taken on the question of transfer to the United States; for the transfer, 1,300; against, 22.

**Shipping Intelligence.**

SOUTHAMPTON, January 19.---The steamship Deutschland, from New York, arrived last night.

**U. S. Bonds at Frankfort.**

FRANKFORT, January 19.---United States bonds, 76@76 3/4.

**Paris Money Market.**

PARIS, January 18.---The Bourse is heavy to-day and rentes declining.

## A CHICAGO HORROR.

**A Young Woman Attempts to Poison Her Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters.**

CHICAGO, January 17.---A young woman named Elizabeth Stang, was arrested yesterday for attempting to poison her father, mother, brother and two sisters, by putting strychnine in their coffee. They were all at one time in a dangerous condition, but are now recovering. The girl acknowledges having purchased the poison, but asserts that it was at the instance of her mother, who, she charges, put it in the coffee.

The State of Iowa is out of debt, with about $100,000 in the Treasury. There is no other State in the Union equally fortunate.

## LOUISIANA.

**The Convention---Communications from Gen. Hancock.**

NEW ORLEANS, January 18,---In the Convention to-day, the hours of daily session were fixed from ten to four.

Mr. Cromwell (colored) said he was opposed to any steps looking toward the speedy completion of the Convention and permanent adjournment until the question of funds was definitely settled.

A communication was received from General Hancock, stating that having received information from General Sheridan to the effect that he had intended paying the Commissioners of election for delegates to Convention, General Hancock has ordered their payment out of the reconstruction fund.

A communication was received from Gen. Hancock to the committee appointed to confer with him relative to the collection of the tax levied by the Convention. General Hancock says by the ordinance levying the tax the Convention has prescribed its mode of collection. That ordinance makes it the duty of the Auditor to direct the Sheriff and Collectors to enforce its payment. Should any such persons be forcibly resisted, the Major General Commanding will promptly use the military power to maintain the supremacy of the law. To this extent he has authority to act, but it is not his province to interfere in the matter in any other way.

NEW ORLEANS, January 19.---Judge Cooley having addressed a note to General Hancock, inquiring whether he would enforce an ordinance which the Constitutional Convention have adopted staying executions on all engagements by the Courts until the 1st of January, 1870, except judgments for taxes and wages of laborers, the General, in reply, calls attention to the fourth and eighth sections of the act of March, 1867, defining the powers of the Convention, and says:

From these provisions it is clear that the Convention is clothed with extraordinary power of framing a Constitution and civil government, and that it possessed no authority to deal with subjects of ordinary legislation except to levy and provide for the collection of taxes, and pay its members, officers, &c. As the ordinance to which you refer in your letter is entirely foreign to the framing of a Constitution and civil government, it appears, to the Major General Commanding that such an ordinance, if passed by the Convention, would be without any validity.

The State Auditor addressed a communication to General Hancock, stating that the taxes imposed by the Constitutional Convention cannot be collected through the ordinary process of collecting State taxes; that the State collectors of the parish of Orleans and Jefferson report that the tax payers have generally refused to pay the tax, and refer the whole matter to Gen. Hancock for action.

General Hancock, in reply, refers the Auditor to an ordinance making it his duty to superintend the collection of taxes, and says it does not appear from the Auditor's statement that any process for the collection of taxes had been issued, or any steps taken except a notice in the newspapers and a demand for payment, which had been refused; that no resort had been had to coercive means to enforce the payment of the taxes pointed out by the laws, while it is the Auditor's duty to direct the tax collectors to do so; that when this is done, and forcible resistance made, the Major General Commanding will, upon its being reported to him, take prompt measures to vindicate the supremacy of the law.

## GEORGIA.

**Payment of Convention Expenses---Letter from Gen. Meade---A Pickwickian Quarrel.**

ATLANTA, January 18.---General Meade sent in a communication, dated yesterday, to Convention this morning, which, after acknowledging the receipt of a resolution asking for pay, says: "I have this day received information from the Treasurer, that there are no funds in the Treasury in Milledgeville. I have also been reliably informed that some public institutions of the State have been suffering on account of the non-payment of the appropriations for their support. Whether this failure of payment has been on account of want of means in the State Treasury, or for other reasons, I am not at present advised. I shall use my best efforts to secure without delay the funds for paying the incidental expenses of the Convention, and at least a portion of the *per diem* and mileage of members. If I find, on investigation, that any funds which should be in the State Treasury have been placed beyond reach, I may deem it necessary to suspend temporarily the payment of a portion or the current salaries of all officers who receive their pay either from the State or Treasury funds. You will perceive, by the facts above stated, that it is out of my power at present to comply with the request of the Convention, but will endeavor to do so. In exercising this authority, I respectfully request that the requisition of your disbursing officer may be sent to me for my approval, that I may see that any funds which may be found subject or available be properly distributed according to the public necessities."

The Convention refused almost unanimously to suspend the rules to consider a resolution asking the Federal authorities to make advances for the payment of the Convention expenses. They also tabled a resolution to appoint a committee of three delegates to examine the State Treasury.

Sections 8 and 9 of the Bill of Rights of the old Constitution were adopted

# The Daily Commercial

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1868.


THE COMMERCIAL *is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.*

*As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the* COMMERCIAL, *we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within five hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the* COMMERCIAL, *principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.*

THE *Tribune* thinks that reconstruction should be confided to General GRANT for the same reason that led to placing the armies under his sole direction, which reasons, in brief are, first, because one head is better than half a dozen, and, second, because General GRANT is the best man to be that head. It seems that the *Tribune*, in this, surrenders its objections to General GRANT for the Presidency, and takes back its innuendos as to his being the catspaw of JOHNSON, and all that. The *Tribune* is in a hopeful way and is likely to do justice to General GRANT yet.

The South Carolina Convention, now in session, has a colored majority of ten. The brightest white States in the nation are completely at the mercy of a race who but lately were the slaves.

THE slaveholders of South Carolina, before the rebellion, were the most intolerant of all the South. They professed to believe in the divine right to oppress the negro. They boastad of the supremacy of the white though the least numerous race in the State, and gloried in the aristocracy of slaveholders to which they belonged. To perpetuate and extend the institution, of which these things were the outcome, this aristocracy undertook to break up the Union and establish a confederacy based on slavery. To-day a Convention, a majority of whose members are negroes, is in session, framing the fundamental law of South Carolina!

THE seizure by the British authorities of the rattle-brained GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, on the ground that he is a Fenian and his landing in England might in some way endanger the peace of the realm, will provoke a loud laugh on this side of the ocean. Most persons will at once conclude that if this is a sample of the Fenian business of which we are hearing so much and about which England is so greatly troubled, we on this side should cease to regard it with much seriousness. It is simply ridiculous that the vaperings of TRAIN should have attracted the slightest attention, least of all led to his arrest in England. The affair can eventuate in nothing that will not wear the proportions of a huge joke, and a sensation that will give TRAIN something to talk for the balance of his life.

GEN. GRANT, it is reported, is opposed to the new Reconstruction law, because he thinks the work can be done under the old ones. Though a man to shrink from no responsibility, it belongs naturally to his character not to desire extraordinary power. Were he despotic or ambitious, he would wish to have the law passed, for it clothes him with little less than absolute power over reconstruction. And it is little less than remarkable how generally has it been conceded that, if any man is to possess so much power, it can be safely confided to General GRANT. Thousands who do not coincide with the principle of the new bill, readily admit this. And if the South only knew what is good for themselves, they would not object to the proposed new law. In General GRANT's hands they will be safe. On his justice they can rely, and the wonder is the leading men in the South, of all parties, do not promptly accept the new law.

THE Secretary of the Treasury, in his report, says exceptions under the internal revenue laws exceed from it, the collection of so high a whisky tax with thoroughness will be impossible, unless a higher standard of qualification for revenue officers than now exists" shall be established. It is extremely probable that Congress will adopt the proposition, succeed in perfecting and establishing an efficient civil service corps; and when the law to that effect should be passed, it would be difficult to imagine the new system successfully against the vast power of competition that present whisky tax.—*Correspondence Philadelphia Press.*

**In other words, the whisky interest is too strong for the Government. Such a conclusion no doubt is readily reached by members of the whisky ring, the thieves in their employ and their apologists. Mr. MCCULLOCH timidly intimates, however, that "a higher standard of qualification for revenue officers than now exists" might enable the Government to hold its own against the ring. But small ground of hope is there of attainning "a higher standard of qualification" under the present administration of the department. Within the last few months—perhaps in the last week—appointments have been made to very responsible positions in the revenue service, which could have never been made after even a superficial inquiry into the qualifications of the applicants, if the appointing power was influenced by honest motives. It is a monstrous mockery to talk of "a higher standard of qualification" so long as men notoriously dishonest are preferred for the most responsible positions. It should be the first labor of Congress to render it impossible for any but thoroughly competent and perfectly honest persons to hold office in the revenue service. The qualifications, antecedents and fitness of applicants and of present occupants also of official positions, should be rigidly inquired into by a board of examiners. At all times should this be the rule; but at the present time the reasons in support of it are manifold. It being admitted that the explanation to the enormous whisky frauds is too low a standard of qualification on the part of revenue officers, the fact should lead to action on the part of Congress without another day's delay.**

## CONNELLSVILLE RAILROAD.

Before the construction of canals or railroads from the seaboard to the Ohio river, all the travel and traffic to and from west of the State of Pennsylvania passed through some part of her territory. To this fact many of the oldest and once most flourishing towns owed their origin and prosperity. The travel to Baltimore and Washington reached the head of the Ohio, and traversed nearly two-thirds of the length of the State, until it was diverted by the construction of the National Road, through Wheeling, Brownsville and Uniontown. A portion of that route was still within the State and had the effect of building up the line of prosperous towns of which Washington, Brownsville and Cumberland are the principal, and greatly increasing the wealth of the fine agricultural region through which it passed. When the National Road was located there were very many persons in Pennsylvania who greatly preferred to have it pass through Pittsburgh and Chambersburg, but failing in this, there was probably no one so foolishly insane as to be willing to drive it entirely south of the State rather than accept the adopted location.

When railroads began to supercede the old modes of communication, the Baltimore and Ohio Company desired to strike the Ohio river at two points, Pittsburgh and Wheeling, reaching both through the Southwestern counties of the State. Had this been permitted Pennsylvania, by the prosperity of her Southwestern counties, would have received the chief advantage from the construction of this road. All the travel and most of the traffic between Baltimore and Washington and the West, North and East, would have passed through one or the other of her chief cities, and the Parkersburg road from Baltimore would never have been projected. Unfortunately the counsels of those whose selfishness made them blind to correct policy, prevailed with the Legislature, and the Baltimore Company was denied the privilege of building a railroad which would have enriched one-fourth of our stupid old Commonwealth. The road was of necessity made through Virginia. Let us see if the result is not likely to profit either Pennsylvania or the Pennsylvania Central Railroad.

The distance from Cincinnati to Baltimore and Washington by the Pennsylvania Central and Steubenville route is as follows:

| | Miles. |
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| Cincinnati to Pittsburgh | 249 |
| Pittsburgh to Harrisburg | 249 |
| Harrisburg to Baltimore | 89 |
| Cincinnati to Baltimore | 587 |
| Cincinnati to Washington | 657 |

By the Baltimore and Ohio route:

| | Miles. |
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| Cincinnati to Parkersburg | 205 |
| Parkersburg to Grafton | 104 |
| Grafton to Baltimore | 279 |
| Cincinnati to Baltimore | 588 |
| Cincinnati to Washington via. Relay House | 610 |

By route under construction via. Point of Rocks:

| | Miles. |
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| Cincinnati to Point of Rocks | 545 |
| Point of Rocks to Washington | 42 |
| Cincinnati to Washington | 587 |

From this it appears that for all travel and trade West and South of Cincinnati, the Baltimore and Ohio Road is shorter than the Pennsylvania route to Baltimore, by 59 miles, and to Washington 71 miles, and that as soon as the Metropolitan branch from Point of Rocks is finished, it will be shorter by 130 miles. Just so much travel and traffic as this advantage in distance will enable the Baltimore road to divert from entering Pennsylvania is the measure of the damage done, by its construction, to the Pennsylvania Central route. The measure of damage done to the city of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, and through them to the Commonwealth, is incalculable. The people of Pennsylvania everywhere fully appreciate the mistakes of past Legislatures, and are confidently looking to the present session at Harrisburg to inaugurate a policy which will promote the public weal in all parts of the State. The injury which has been done already to the Western and South-western counties is irreparable. The past with its opportunities can never be recalled, but the future is our own. Not a day should be lost, but the foot of the oppressor be removed at once from the neck of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, and permit our people to set about the development of our mines, forests and farms, and do what we may to regain for our natural routes of traffic the advantages due to them.

### Important Test Case.

The status of the States lately in rebellion is to be decided by the Supreme Court—a test case having been made up. During the war, the Confederate authorities in Texas sold several million dollars worth of indemnity bonds, granted that State by the General Government, to White, Child & Co., of Kentucky, and certain parties in New York and elsewhere. After the closing of the war, the authorities of Texas under the Provisional Government, appeared in the Supreme Court, asked and obtained an injunction restraining parties holding the bonds thus sold from drawing interest upon them. These parties now appear before the Court, and through their attorneys ask that the injunction be dissolved, upon the ground that Texas is not a State, and has no standing as such in the Supreme Court. Those who have arranged this case claim that it involves the whole question of reconstruction in a direct manner.

It is asserted on competent authority that the number of newspapers—daily and weekly—in London which can afford to pay their contributors decent living salaries—say £300 a year as the *maximum*—may be counted on the fingers of one hand. A well-informed writer says: "I should be inclined to narrow my estimate, and say that there are not three papers in all London which pay their chief contributors £1,000 a year. But then, of course, men are rarely dependent for their income on one source. Some journalists have very snug Government appointments, others are authors or dramatic writers, and some of a very high rank have independent means."

DAVID SANKEY, Esq., of Lawrence county, in reply to a number of correspondents, declares that he will not be a candidate for Congress from the Twenty-fourth District, now represented by Hon. G. V. Lawrence, of Washington county. Mr. Sankey concludes his card as follows:

"For the purpose of relieving the seeming anxiety on that subject, I thus publicly announce that *I am not an office seeker*, but shall, hereafter as heretofore, gratefully for the nomination of some gentleman known as a true friend of the Union cause, and whose qualifications, energy, character and ability will command the confidence of the district for the benefit of his constituents, and who will not claim and use the office as his own."

THE following-named gentlemen have been designated by the President as Commissioners for the annual assay at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, on the 10th of February next: Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, New York; Prof. Joseph Henry, Washington; Professor John Torrey, New York; Hon. J. P. Putnam, Boston; Hon. J. R. McClintock, Pittsburgh; Dr. F. D. Beal, Louisville; Gen. John Heuston, Jr., San Francisco; John J. Knox, Treasury Department, and Franklin Peale, Esq., Philadelphia.

IN NEW YORK the exorbitant charges of the down-town restaurants have led to the formation of a club, which will undertake to feed the public, on a plan of its own, at one-third the current prices. It will take the form of a joint stock concern, with branches in different parts of the city. Professor Blot is to be the general superintendent. How long will it be before a dozen or more families will be fed from one kitchen, whereby a saving of not less than one-half will be made?

QUEEN VICTORIA'S new book—"Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands"—will shortly appear. It is made up of extracts from the Queen's diary, and is substantially the same as was privately published last year, with some passages expunged. The book originally told you everything, even what they had for breakfast. These things being cut out, the book possesses no special interest except the source.

MR. BINGHAM, in his late eloquent speech in the House of Representatives, took the ground that the seceding States had no voice in amending the Constitution, and that the States that adhere, the States that do not secede, the States that do not revolt, the States that do not foreswear themselves in the persons of all their executive, all their judicial, and all their legislative officers, alone have the right to amend the Constitution and to pass laws under it.

THE Democrats in the Ohio Legislature seem determined to make the most of their power. To this end they have resolved that the State could be re-districted so as to give them thirteen out of nineteen Congressmen to be elected this fall, and secure the certain defeat of Schenck, Shellabarger, Eggleston, Ashley and Lawrence.

THERE is considerable talk among the Senators about the speech made by Mr. Fessenden in the executive session, when the question of reinstating Mr. Stanton was under discussion. It is praised by everybody who neard it, as eminently able, forcible and dignified, and his party friends speak of it as one of the best he ever made in the Senate.

IT is said to be a fact that there is not a cotton mill in New England which has not lost money the last six months, under a statement of accounts which exhibits the stock of goods, and of cotton in bale and in process, at the present shrunken values, for it has been a fall of about fifty per cent. since August.

THE New York and Erie Road is seeking an entrance to the city direct by a bridge over the Hudson at the Highlands. To this end application has been made to the New York Legislature for privilege to bridge the Hudson opposite Turner's, by which route the distance to the city will be short er than the present one.

BY a recent amendment to the Constitution of Wisconsin the pay of members of the Legislature is limited to $350, be the session long or short. The result is the present session will continue but six weeks—a period long enough to do everything that is necessary.

IN THE St. Louis *Democrat* we find the following communication, in which those who use coal oil lamps are given a very simple remedy for explosion, provided it is reliable. The writer says: Advise the good people of your city to fill their coal oil lamps about one-fourth full of common table salt, and you need never record another similar accident; if they will be convinced by you. I have adopted the above plan in my family, and find that: First—All the gas created by the heat of the flame is consumed. Second—The flame is much brighter and clearer. Third—The oil burns away much slower. Fourth—It never explodes.

THE New York *Evening Post* says; "A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* desires the Republican party to nominate Judge Chase for the Presidency, and not Grant, on the ground that the party cannot succeed if it nominates 'what is called an available candidate.' That reminds us of a story Mr. Beecher once told, of a boy who set a trap to catch a woodchuck, and baited it with what he thought the woodchuck *ought* to eat, instead of with what the animal does eat. His theory and the Cincinnati man's are precisely alike; but somehow the boy caught no woodchucks."

### A French Reader and Some Things Found In It.

The book to which we refer is the production of a gentleman whose name is Magill, and who is a sub-master in the Boston Latin School. It contains "grammatical exercises progressively arranged, familiar conversations on various subjects, and selections for reading and declamation, together with explanatory notes to the author's grammar, and an adequate dictionary." The book strikes us as having been prepared with much pains and skill, and as being unusually well adapted to the wants of students in the beautiful language of France. Turning over its leaves, we stumbled upon one extract which seems to us so useful for edification that we translate it for our readers' benefit. The "piece" is entitled the Doctor and the Quack: "A celebrated Dutch physician—Dr. Vansleben, settled for long years in London—passing through Grosvenor Square, stopped to look at a quack, who, in a splendid carriage drawn by four horses, with many servants magnificently dressed was attracting an immense crowd, and was distributing an enormous quantity of his drugs.

Telling him where he lived, Dr. V. begs the quack to visit him next morning at his house, which he does. "Sir," says the doctor, "yesterday I heard you publicly announce that you had excellent cures for all sorts of diseases; have you one for curiosity? Looking at you attentively I thought I recognized you, but I am unable to recollect where we have before met." "It will be very easy for me to satisfy you, sir. I served for many years in the house of my lady Waller where you attended assiduously. I was her chief footman, and left her three years ago to follow the trade in which you now see me engaged." "You rouse my curiosity more and more. How is it possible that the talent and skill acquired in three years have obtained the means of maintaining the brilliant position which you seem to me to possess, while I, practising my profession these forty years with the utmost diligence, and I venture to say with some reputation, can hardly keep up my small establishment?" "That I may be able to answer your question directly, sir, will you allow me to put a few queries to you?" "Willingly." "You live in one of the most frequented streets of this city. How many people, do you suppose, pass along it every day?" "That would be hard to tell, but, at a rough estimate, about ten thousand." "I accept your estimate as correct. And in those ten thousand who pass, how many do you take to be people of good sense? I do not mean clever people; for all the world swarms with them." "Ah! you embarrass me with your distinction between cleverness or intellect and good sense; if in the ten thousand there are one hundred of the latter sort, it is saying much." "Ah well! sir. You have yourself answered your question. The hundred persons of good sense form your practice—while the nine thousand and nine hundred form mine." The candor of the Quack was surely admirable; his impudence we cannot admire, it is so common nowadays.

We must give another extract less personally offensive in its possible application:

"An Amadan there was an academy of which the statutes, or regulations, were expressed in the following wonder 'The academicians shall think much, write little, and speak the least possible.' Doctor Zeb, famous over all the East, learned that a place was vacant in this academy; he hastened to apply for it, but unfortunately arrived too late. The members were deeply vexed; they had granted to power what belonged only to merit. The President, at a loss for terms in which to express a refusal that caused the assembly to blush, had a cap fetched when he filled it with water so exactly that a single drop would make it run over. The erudite candidate for academic honors, understood from this emblematic action that there was no place there for him, and was sadly withdrawing, when he saw a rose leaf at his feet. At this sight he recovers courage; he picks up the rose leaf, and places it on the water in the cup, with such dainty dexterity that not a single escapes. At this ingenious manœuvre all present clapped their hands, and the Doctor was received by acclamation among the silent academicians."

Should our next extract be found susceptible of a personal application, it is not our fault. Their improvement in History, or rather biography is our sole object in presenting it to our readers:

"Though Voltaire was secretly flattered by the visits from all parts of Europe which his reputation brought him—nevertheless all those who made the pilgrimage to Ferney, were not sure of seeing the divinity, or if he granted them one audience, they were not always inspired with the same favor. Father Coyer had undertaken the journey to Ferney and though unbidden, had made all his arrangements for spending some months there. One feels how little this plan would accord with the taste of Voltaire—who knew the Abbe Coyer as the dullest and most pedantic man of his century. However, he bore the first day's infliction with a sufficiently good grace; but on the next when the Abbe came to see him—the unvenerable Patriarch addressed him with the question: 'Do you know, Monsieur Abbe, the difference between you and Don Quixote?' It is that Don Quixote took all the inns for castles (chateaux) while you take all the castles for inns.' The Abbe Coyer taken aback by this rude question, made up his packet and departed within twenty-four hours. On the morrow Voltaire not seeing him reappear, inquired about him. Told of his departure, he merely remarked, 'The good Abbe has left us very soon.'"

The following extract—which shall be our last—is very illustrative of a phase of character found in all countries. In England it is most frequently seen in the Kickleburys,—in France no rank or class is exempt from it. No doubt Victor Hugo himself has read the adventure of our Count with a degree of sympathy, and not without approving his appreciation of the claims of his native language:

"The Count de L. P. had received no other education than that of the children of Paris, and did not imagine that in any country people could be found ignorant of the French language. Being at Rome, he addressed a person passing by, and asked him in French—with much grace—the way to the Capitol; *no capisco*; (I do not understand,) replied the Italian. Sir, I do not ask you the way to *Capisco*, but the way to the Capitol. *No capisco*, was again the response. "In truth, they are well brought up in this country, they make sport of strangers," was the Count's meditation. He applied to another person, and puts on an extraordinary measure of politeness, as he asks the same question; but receives the same answer—*no capisco*. He then became impatient, and to punish the Romans for their impertinence, he swore never to go to the Capital and kept his word. On his return to Paris people delighted to ask him for an account of his travels—in which, still glowing with wrath against the insolence of the Italians, he never failed to insert the circumstance of his attempt to find the Capital.

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### Foreign Confidence in American Securities.

The New York *Times* remarks: It is remarkable how steadily our bonds have maintained themselves in Europe during the violent fluctuations of gold in this market since the 1st inst. They have only varied a fraction of one per cent., one way or the other. Yesterday they showed signs of strengthening; and it is evident now that our political sensations induce a lesser feeling of distrust there than in our own country.

On the same subject the *Commercial Bulletin* makes the following explanatory observations: There are reasons which may account for this. The result of the war has done more, perhaps towards establishing the credit of the United States obligations and strengthening European confidence in Republican government than is generally supposed on this side of the Atlantic; and European investors having once placed their confidence are not in haste to remove it. Unlike ourselves, they have anticipated important difficulties requiring settlement after the close of the war, and from the beginning have "discounted" these considerations in advance; which partially accounts for our bonds being held there at such a low price as compared with other securities. So that a quarrel over reconstruction is an event for which they had made a previous allowance.

### The New British Minister to Washington.

The London *Times*, while disclaiming any disrespect to Mr. Thorton, renews its objection to his appointment as Minister to the United States. The best man that could be found would not be too good for the post. The *Times* suggests Lord Kimberly, who in many distinguished posts, and lastly as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, "has acquitted himself with much credit." He would know how to represent the case of Ireland in the most effective manner to the American Government, and his faculties of speech and a certain power of holding his own would make him invaluable in controversy with such a minister as Mr. Seward. The *Time*s refers to others who could not but feel honored by such a mission, at such a critical time, as the Duke of Argyle, Lord Cranborne, Lord Carnarvon and Lord Dufferin.

IT reads queerly now that Gen. McClellan once ordered the arrest of Grant; that Halleck scolded him; that Smith had him superseded; and that he was snubbed in other ways. That was during the time of martinets and red tape, when but for such original and independent and thoroughly patriotic men as Grant, the nation would have patted rebellion with kid gloves, and conquered treason with dress parades and harmless manœuvres according to the schools.

## THE BENNINGHOFF ROBBERY.

### A Daring Set of Robbers—$210,000 Carried Off—Particulars of the Robbery.

Our Pioneer correspondent telegraphed the fact Thursday evening that the dwelling of John Benninghoff, on Benninghoff run, was entered by robbers that evening, and robbed of $210,000. Mr. Benninghoff's house stands near the road, not frequented much of late, either by travel or teams, and the nearest neighbor is a quarter of a mile distant. Mr. Benninghoff is a Pennsylvania Gorman, a plain, hard-working farmer, and about sixty years of age. He has a large family of grown up children, many of them staying at home. The old gentleman, all of a sudden, had riches thrust upon him by the discovery of oil on his sterile acres, and is one of our petroleum millionaires. We believe the first well was struck on his farm on Pioneer Run, in the fall of 1865; the production of his whole farm for last month was six hundred barrels a day, and ten new wells are now going down on it. Mr. B.'s income for December last, was reported at $40,000, but his sudden and dazzling fortune never made a fool of him, and they say he cares nothing for appearances, and wants to live as frugally and work as diligently as when he used to eat his bread in the sweat of his brow. But he had taken the notion in his head to be his own banker, and to deposit his bonds and greenbacks in his own safe and house. The particulars of the robbery are thus related by the Titusville *Herald* of Saturday:

Shortly after seven o'clock the family, consisting of Mr. John Benninghoff, his wife, niece and two hired men, were sitting in the kitchen, when the door was opened and four men walked in. Three of these men were of medium size, and the fourth was tall and heavy, and all of them were masked with handkerchiefs, cloths or comforters. On entering the room the men drew pistols and presenting them at the heads or breasts of the family, threatened them with immediate death if they should make the least noise. So completely were the family taken by surprise that but little resistance was offered except by Mr. Benninghoff, who cried out lustily on their first appearance. The first cry that he raised had scarcely left his lips when he was attacked by one or two of the others. Mr. Benninghoff is now in his sixty-seventh year, but notwithstanding his advanced age, he is still possessed of considerable strength, and he exerted it to the utmost. His strength was, however, entirely inadequate to cope with that of two or three middle aged men, and he was soon thrown to the floor. The ruffians then beat him in the face and almost on various parts of his body, and then half dragged, half carried him to an adjoining bed room. All this time Mrs. B. was by no means idle, but was putting forth his best endeavors to escape, and to attract attention from the outside. After they got Mr. B. somewhat under their control, they tied his arms and legs and threw him on the bed and wrapped the bed clothes tightly about him. They then rifled his pockets and took from one of them his pocket book, containing a small amount of money and a key to one of the safes. After seeing that the cords which secured his limbs were tied and observing him more closely with the clothes, they left him in a powerless condition.

While Mr. Benninghoff was struggling with two of the ruffians, the other two had introduced the two hired men, and they were soon tied in the chairs in which they sat at the time when the robbers first made their appearance. These men offered but very little or no resistance, and in a very brief space of time they found themselves in a helpless condition. During the fracas, Mrs. Benninghoff managed to secure a revolver, which she handed to one of the hired men, but he, through fear or some other cause, failed to use it, although he had it, and immediately afterward one of the roughs got possession of it. Mrs. Benninghoff was seized, dragged into an adjoining room, and bound. Mr. Benninghoff's niece was taken into a room near the kitchen and fastened to a lounge.

After every person in the house was securely fastened, and an attempt had been made to open a combination-lock safe, two of the party went up stairs to the room in which the other iron safe was kept, without asking any questions, while the other two stayed below and kept guard over the family. The key of the safe on the lounge in the room below Mr. Benninghoff's pocket book, and the villains succeeded in opening the safe without difficulty. One drawer in the safe was overlooked, but all the rest were thoroughly ransacked. The safe contained $210,000, and the villains succeeded in taking $210,000. Of the $210,000, there were $20,000 in Government bonds, and the rest in greenbacks and national currency. The drawer that was overlooked contained a quantity of gold and silver coin, amounting in all to a comparatively small sum. In the haste of the search after plunder, a package containing $1,000 was laid among a quantity of papers near the safe and left, and in another part of the house a package, containing nearly $9,000 was dropped.

After ransacking the safe, the whole party returned to the kitchen, and after ascertaining from Mr. Benninghoff that the key through Benninghoff had gone to church, and that no other person would be likely to visit the house during the night, the villains proceeded to make themselves comfortable. Doling their stay, which lasted about an hour, they appeared to be in no hurry, and while one kept watch the others devoured a quantity of bread and milk.

Finally, the villains concluded to leave, and making a slip-noose, they put it round the neck of one of the hired men and led him to the barn and forced him to harness a horse to a cutter. The man was then led back to the house and untied. Two horses were taken from the barn, and the whole party started off at a brisk pace. As soon as the last man left the house, Mr. Benninghoff's niece managed to loosen the cords with which he was bound. The rest of the family were then released, and the men started out and alarmed the neighbors, after which telegrams were sent in all directions to the authorities of the different places, giving them a full description.

After leaving the house, the five men with the horses and cutter proceeded up Benninghoff Run about one-half of a mile, when the cutter was stuck and the horses were turned loose. The men then proceeded on foot, and from this point their movements could only be conjectured. While Mr. Benninghoff was struggling with two of the ruffians, the other two had introduced the two hired men, and they were soon tied in the chairs in which they sat at the time when the robbers first made their appearance. These men offered but very little or no resistance, and in a very brief space of time they found themselves in a helpless condition. During the fracas, Mrs. Benninghoff managed to secure a revolver, which she handed to one of the hired men, but he, through fear or some other cause, failed to use it, although he had it, and immediately afterward one of the roughs got possession of it. Mrs. Benninghoff was seized, dragged into an adjoining room, and bound. Mr. Benninghoff's niece was taken into a room near the kitchen and fastened to a lounge.

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The safe that was not opened, contained a much larger amount than that carried off.

Yesterday morning a reward of $10,000 was offered for the arrest of the robbers and return of the money, and later in the day it was increased to $20,000. Also two officers, a dispatch was received by Mr. Benninghoff, from Oil City, stating that three men had been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery. Mr. B. and Deputy Sheriff Hall left Petroleum Center for Oil City on the train that leaves the former place at 3:25 P. M., for the purpose of seeing if the men who were arrested could be identified.

### The Fenian Panic in England.

A London letter by the latest steamer gives the following particulars of the Fenian panic which prevails all over and even beyond England:

"In England there is still a general feeling of insecurity both on the part of the government and the people, while the latter seem to be getting tired of the scare and the uncertainty and look anxiously for a climax of some sort. At Woolwich, the Royal Dockyards and Arsenal have been carefully guarded by extra detachments of artillery. While a steam launch, heavily freighted with soldiers, has been on guard duty in the river, the town or land side has been protected by 13,000 bran new special constables. At Windsor, in addition to the infantry and cavalry always stationed there, the inhabitants of the town and the servants and dependents at the Castle have been sworn in as "specials," and sentries patrol the streets of the town and the lines of the neighborhood day and night. At Canterbury, Winchester, and other garrison towns, similar precautions have been taken, and in London, of course, all the Government and public buildings are under military as well as police surveillance. In Wales the Irish "quarrymen" and all the iron workers are in a state of ferment. Several arrests have taken place at Merthyr Tydvil and Dowlais, and the Brotherhood is said to be very strong in the mountain region, and it is well known that large numbers of Irish will every year be found among the hills. Up to this date nothing has been heard of the Mercury from New York, and as the Government received the Cable telegram on December 15, announcing her departure, she ought to be by this time somewhere near the coast. At least half a dozen men-of-war are looking after her. The delay either indicates her loss, or that the Government has been duped, or possibly that she may have proceeded direct to the coast of Africa to obtain letters of marque from King Theodore. Late dispatches from the country inform us that from information received the Government has thought it necessary to surround the person and property of the Prince of Wales in Norfolk with an extra detachment of military. Dispatches from the Channel Islands Jersey and Guernsey tell us that a panic prevails there, and that all the militia and volunteers of the islands were under arms.

### The Intended Reforms in the Pontifical States.

The *Memorial Diplomatique* says: "Letters from Rome do not confirm the rumor that the French Ambassador recently commanded the Holy See to effect certain internal reforms, and that Cardinal Antonelli had replied by a refusal. No doubt the French Government has always desired that the Pontifical Government should introduce such liberal reforms into the home administration, but the moment in which the Papacy was issuing from a crisis so serious would not have been opportune to make the suggestions in question.

ISSUE OF AN EDICT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CORRUPTION OF THE ROMANS.

The *Italie* has the following: "Cardinal Patrizi, has issued an edict, preceded by a letter addressed to the Cardinal by the Pope himself. His Holiness deplores the corruption of the Romans, who are guilty of three great sins—continued blasphemy, disregard of holidays, and disrespect in the churches. In order to prevent such scandals the Pope directs that the old penal laws, and the very severe ones of Leo XII. should be put in force. The Cardinal's edict promulgates the punishments to be inflicted on those who should be proved by two respectable persons to have uttered one or more blasphemies; to have worked on holidays—the masters being made responsible in the latter case for their men; to have behaved disrespectfully in church. The last paragraph is more especially directed against females, who are to be prevented from wearing short dresses. They are also required to appear in church with veils; but the vail, which is to be substituted for the modern small hat, is not to be converted into a new ornament for the head, which is to be moderately covered.

## PERSONAL.

—The Hamilton, Ohio, *Telegraph* announces the death, at Dartown, Butler county, Ohio, on the 10th instant, of Mrs. Nancy Cooley, at the age of one hundred and eight years and seventeen days. She was born in Virginia in December, 1759, and emigrated to Kentucky while still young. She married there William Cooley, who had been a revolutionary soldier. They removed to Ohio when it was a wilderness, settling upon the banks of Four Mile Creek. Her husband, who was familiarly known as "Uncle Billy Cooley," was never known to owe a man a dollar, never allowed any one to become indebted to him, and would not receive paper money for any of the products of his farm. His wife, who long survived him, resembled him in the fact that she never contracted a debt. Mrs. Cooley received a pension during her life on account of her husband's services in the Revolution. She leaves no descendants, and it is not known that she has any relatives in Ohio.

—On the evening of the 9th instant, when most of the guests of one of the principal hotels of Washington were at supper, a Senator of the United States came into the room having no clothing on but a shirt. It was found that he was suffering from *delirium tremens*.

—Marshall Jewell, just nominated as Republican candidate for Governor of Connecticut, has been for the last eighteen years engaged in business in Hartford as a tanner. He is in his forty-third year. He was candidate for State Senator in his district in the last election, and though defeated, owing to his popularity, ran three hundred votes ahead of his ticket. Francis Wayland, the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is a son of the late President Wayland, of Brown University; and Messrs. Appulman and Wessels, the candidates for Secretary and Treasurer, commanded Connecticut regiments during the war.

—The Supreme Court (Judge Cardoza) New York, has granted a divorce to Belle Boyd Harding. The lady brought the action some time since and the complaint was served upon the defendant personally, but he subsequently went to California, where he now resides. The case was sent to a referee, who decided in plaintiff's favor, and this decision is confirmed by the Court.

—Dickens, at Philadelphia, is the guest of George W. Childs, of the *Ledger*. His first reading was to a $5,000 house. He has written home to his friends that he expects to bag $50,000 in America during his stay. He finds the Yankee goose the best one he ever plucked.

—Alexander Dumas is going to write a historical novel on Abraham Lincoln. His last work, "The Whites and the Blues," a tale of the wars of the French Revolution, has been extensively read, and had a large sale, but it is decidedly inferior to his other works.

—Tuesday morning last John Jacob Astor, second son of the founder of the Astor family, died in New York, in his sixty-fifth year. In his youth he was kicked in the head by a horse, which disordered his intellect, rendering a guardian necessary for him through life. His father left him ten thousand dollars a year, and the valuable block of ground bounded by Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, and Tenth and Eleventh avenues. In the large brick house in which he died, surrounded by spacious surroundings of garden shrubbery and shade trees, he lived for over twenty years, to the close of his life. By the will of his father this property now reverts to Mr. William B. Astor.

—It is reported that Santa Anna and his friends are engaged in a new conspiracy against Mexico, which is about to be practically developed, with Havana as its point of departure. There is no reason to doubt the truth of this report. If the Mexicans who catch him next time will only shoot him in good earnest, they will confer a favor upon the world at large, and especially upon the newspaper press, by removing one of the greatest bores and humbugs now in existence.

—Ex-Gov. Ellsworth, of Connecticut, who died on Wednesday, was the son of Justice Ellsworth of the Supreme Court of the United States, and had himself been, besides Governor, a Congressman and Judge of the Superior Court of the State. His wife was a daughter of Noah Webster, the lexicographer, and is the wife of Waldo Hutchins, of New York.

—Victor Emanuel, notwithstanding the traditions and critical state of Italian affairs, seems to find ample time for his questionable pleasures. At last accounts he had been so long away from his capital, on one of the pleasurings, that even the Italians were giving vent to their displeasure at his conduct.

### What Grant Is and Is Not.

From Swinton's Military History.

The truth is, that Grant's extreme simplicity of behavior and directness of expression imposed on various officers, both above and below him. They thought him a good, plain man, who had blundered into one or two successes, and who, therefore, could not be immediately removed, but they deemed it unnecessary to regard his judgment or to count upon his ability. His superiors made their plans invariably without consulting him, and his subordinates sometimes sought to carry out their own campaigns, in opposition or indifference to his orders, not doubting that, with their superior intelligence, they could conceive and execute triumphs which would excuse or even vindicate their course. It is impossible to understand the order of events without taking it into account, that neither the Government nor its important commanders gave Grant credit for intellectual ability or military genius.

His officer qualities were also rated low. Because, in battle, he could not see how it was possible to provoke him; and because of his calmness, it was supposed that he was stolid. In battle, or in campaigning, he did not seem to care or consider so much what the enemy was doing as what he himself proposed to do. In this trait, to enthusiastic or even brilliant soldiers, appeared inexplicable. A great commander, it was imagined, should be nervous, excitable, fretting his nails, and cajoling his officers; calling private soldiers by their names, making eloquent addresses in the field, and waving his drawn sword in battle. Great commanders had done all these things, and when tried to meet, we could do all these things, fancied themselves therefore great commanders. Others imagined wisdom to consist in science alone; they sought success in learned and elaborate plans, requiring months to develop when the enemy was immediately before them; they maneuvred when it was the time to fight; they intrenched when they should have attacked, and studied their books when the field should have been their problem.

Grant is like none of these. If he possessed acquirements he appeared unconscious of them; he made no allusion to the schools, and never hesitated to transgress their rules, when the occasion seemed to him to demand it. So, he never won men's hearts by blandishments, nor affected their imaginations by brilliancy of behavior, nor did he seem profound to those who are impressed only by a display of learning. All these things should be appreciated by those who seek to understand his character or career.

IT is asserted that quite a number of the leading magnates and representatives of the South American republics are at present sojourning in New York. They contemplate holding a congress there to devise and submit to their respective governments, with the approval of our own as a guarantee, a defensive treaty, pledging themselves to, resist with a united front foreign aggression upon any portion of the South American continent in future. The movement will take place in a few weeks. It is reported steps will also be taken at the same time to vastly improve our commercial relations with the neighboring republics, and obtain for us a better market for manufacturing and other products than we have heretofore had in that section. Large quantities of warlike material are already going forward. The action of the House of Representatives a few days since, to sell our surplus iron-clads, now rusting and corroding in ordinary at the Northern navy yards, originated in New York, and grew out of the movement of certain parties there to purchase a few of them, as Mrs. Toodles says, to "keep 'em handy, in case they's wanted in

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CITY MATTERS.

### Grand Opera Next Week.

The lovers of music in these columns will read the announcements in these columns of Leonard Grover, Esq., the successful impresario, who promises us a brief season, all too short, of Italian and German opera, at the Academy of Music. The great combination of artistes which is to visit us, commenced the season in Philadelphia two weeks ago, and closed on Saturday evening the most successful opera season ever known in that city, crowded and fashionable audiences being the rule. The musical critics of the city have been extravagant in their praise of Mme Gazzaniga, Mme. Kapp Young, Miss Hauck, Ronconi, Pancani, Habelmann and Hermann, all of whom are pronounced to be of superior brilliancy in their respective spheres. Indeed, it is said that the season just closed in Philadelphia has not had its equal for success in any American city within two years past.

As will be observed by the announcements, the irrepressible *impresario*, Max Maretzek, who for twenty years has been the director of the grand opera in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, will visit Pittsburgh for the first time, and will personally superintend the production of the Italian Operas. Leonard Grover, Esq., Director of the German Opera Company, will also visit this city for the first time, and under the personal direction of such experienced managers the music-loving public of Pittsburgh may look for such an excellent presentation of grand operas as have never before been presented to them.

The sale of season tickets will commence Wednesday morning, 22d inst., at nine o'clock, at the Music Store of C. C. Mellor, 81 Wood street. As our citizens always appreciate true merit, it is safe to say there will be such brilliant and fashionable audiences at the Academy next week as have never yet graced its auditorium.

### The Allegheny Water Works.

Our readers will remember the complaints which prevailed some three or four years ago in regard to the condition and management of the Allegheny Water Works. It was alleged that the machinery was worn out, that the capacity of the works was insufficient, and that new works would be required to be built at an enormous outlay. The people had about made up their minds to this fact, as water was becoming scarcer and scarcer, and there was danger of a conflagration, which, with empty reservoirs would sweep the greater part of the city with destruction. In this state of things the fact was fortunately developed that the fault did not lie with the works or the machinery, but with their management. Mr. George N. Miller, the present Superintendent, not only reduced the expenditures *over fifty per cent.* while *doubling* the supply of water, but has also saved the city a vast outlay for new machinery, etc. Mr. Miller has had charge of the works for the past two years, we believe, and in order to show the tax-payers of Allegheny what he has really effected for them, we append the following table, exhibiting the results of the management *before* and *after* he assumed control:

RUNNING EXPENSES OF WORKS.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1854 | $78,391 13 |
| 1855 | 28,488 44 |
| 1866 | 14,445 69 |
| 1867 | 14,445 07 |

COAL CONSUMED AND "DUTY" DONE.

| Bush | Cost | Gallo. Water pumped daily | Duty |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1854 | 160,000 | $15,360 25 | 1,400,000 | 70,548 |
| 1855 | 183,255 | 16 647 56 | 1,700,000 | 86,010 |
| 1866 | 36 000 | 3,561 77 | 2,113,960 | 181,954 |
| 1867 | 93,789 | 8,724 67 | 2,813,154 | 312,256 |

Duty is the pounds of water raised one foot high with one pound of coal.

REVENUE FROM WATER ASSESSMENTS.

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|---|---|
| 1854 | $24,413 45 |
| 1855 | 24,413 29 |
| 1866 | 8,157 03 |
| 1867 | 24,000 00 |

In 1867 a reduction of 20 per cent. was made; the comparison is at old rates:

COST OF LAYING TWELVE-INCH MAIN.

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|---|---|
| 10,440 feet proposition of lowest bidder per lineal foot 75 cents | $7,830 00 |
| Cost as done by Superintendent | 5,089 99 |
| Saving as done by city | $2,280 31 |

COST OF FOUR AND SIX-INCH PIPE.

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| 1867. Total cost, including pipe | $1 48 per ft. |
| 1868. Total cost, including pipe | 1 50 per ft. |
| 1868. Total cost, including pipe | 2 24 per ft. |
| Total line of pipe laid 1867 | 28,905 ft. |
| Total expenditures 1867 | $97,890 85 |

The Councils or Allegheny, as representing the interests of the taxpayers, will have no hesitation in continuing in office a man who has proved himself so thoroughly competent to discharge the duties as has Mr. George N. Miller.

### The Late Accident on the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

The recent collision on the Allegheny Valley Railroad has been grossly exaggerated by several of the city papers, not only as regards the number injured, but the extent of the damage done to the property of the Company. In some of the published accounts it was stated that three persons had been killed, and that others were fatally injured. It was also asserted that the colliding trains were running without schedules. This is grossly incorrect, and why such statements were made we cannot imagine, except upon the supposition that the wildest *rumors* were noted down and published as *facts*. Such statements work serious injury to the road, and result in no good to any one. The trains had schedules, but the crew of one of the trains was at fault in not obeying orders. The collision occurred between the gravel trains, engine No. 2 (Conductor Clifton and Engineer John Maginnis), and engine No. 4 (Conductor Klingelsmith and Engineer Greenleaf). The facts, as officially reported to the Superintendent, H. Blackstone, Esq., are these: Engine No. 4 had the right to work between Scrub Grass and Brandon's siding, keeping clear of regular trains, and in going north of Brandon's her orders were to flag at all times against No. 2. The No. 2 had the right to the track in hauling gravel between Brandon Siding and the Foster station trestle, keeping clear of regular trains. The conductor and engineer of No. 2, in passing south of Brandon's Siding, on the morning of the 14th, disregarded their orders, and went where they should not have gone without having their train protected by a flagman ahead. When the trains collided they were running at a slow rate of speed. Engine No. 4 had stopped, or the casualties would have been more serious Of the ten or twelve men hurt, however, all but two were able to walk to their respective homes a short time after the accident. The damage to the rolling stock was light, only one box car being badly broken. Engine No. 4 had the castings in front of the smoke box broken. This was the only damage done to the engines. Two flat cars were thrown down the embankment, but they can easily be replaced. the running gear being all right. The main cause of the collision was the failure on the part of the crew of No. 2 to strictly comply with the orders given them, and in not protecting their train by a flagman while running over forbidden ground. It will thus be seen that the results of the accident were but trifling compared with some of the published statements.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

QUARTER SESSIONS — JUDGES STERRITT AND MELLON.

On motion of Col. Levi B. Duff, John Herbemehl, Esq., of West Virginia, was duly qualified and admitted to practice in this court.

THE KESTNER-HESS CASES.

Morritz Kestner and Henry Hess, the parties convicted of plundering the freight cars at the outer depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, were brought in for sentence, but were remanded for the present. The wife of Kestner was present, with three small children in charge. Mrs. Hess was also in attendance.

SENTENCED.

Jacob Lang and Jacob Hasley plead guilty on two charges of larceny, and were brought in for sentence. The articles stolen were harness, saddle, bridle, etc. Evidence was offered showing that Lang was not of sound mind, and he was let off with a sentence of twenty-five days in jail, conditioned that he give bonds in three hundred dollars for his future good behavior.

Hasley was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary on one charge, and six months in the county jail on the other, Judge Sterrett expressing the hope that by the time he had served his sentence in the penitentiary the Work House would be ready for his accommodation.

Miller Reichert, convicted of assault and battery, was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and costs.

COMMON PLEAS — JUDGE STOWE.

The case of McCrea vs. Evarts was continued, and occupied the entire session.

Robert Hare vs. Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, garnishee of Samuel Rankin, and Anthony Meum vs. same, garnishee, etc., January 17, 1868, on motion of J. S. Morrison, attorney for the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, plaintiffs called and non-suit entered.

The following is the trial list for to-day:

32. Neesman vs. Schlegel.
36. Hosack vs. Wilson.
56. Hartman et. al. vs. Schultz & Danner.
60. Hetzel vs. Dollar Savings Bank.
70. Tynan vs. Charles et. al.
48. Mangy vs. Hafferty.
49. Ward vs. Longwell.
50. Hampton, for use, vs. McDonald.
57. Aiken McMaster vs. Dunlevy's exrs.
68. Johnston & Co. vs. Schultz & Danner.
69. Skating Co. vs. Corwin.

DISTRICT COURT — JUDGE HAMPTON.

The ejectment case is still pending in this Court, and will probably not be concluded for two or three days yet.

### The Tax on Bank Stocks.

On the 15th of April, 1867, an act was passed "to increase the revenue of the commonwealth, by means of the shares, or stock, of the National Banks." The first section makes the stock held by any person, in any National bank, subject to taxation in the hands of the holders, at the same rate as the shares or stock of banks incorporated by the State, namely — six mills upon every dollar of the value of the shares. The second section authorizes the Auditor General and State Treasurer to appoint assessors to ascertain the residence and assess the value of the shares held in the county or district for which the assessors have been appointed, and return the same to the commissioners of the county—the tax to be collected as other taxes on personal property are now collected. The commission allowed to the assessors is "seven per cent upon every dollar due the Commonwealth upon the assessment made by them," to be paid by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Auditor General. The third section authorizes the assessors to make a complete list of the shareholders resident in the county, who may hold stock in any banks located in other counties in the State, the tax so assessed to be levied and collected as in the case of those resident in the county, where the bank is located. The fourth section provides for the appointment of assessors, annually, in the month of January, by the Auditor General and State Treasurer. Section fifth provides that should any National or State bank of this Commonwealth pay to the State Treasurer a tax of one per cent. per annum, upon the par value of the capital stock thereof, the shareholders of said bank shall be exempt from all other taxation on the value of said shares.

Under the above act, assessors were appointed for Allegheny county, and after they had completed their list of shareholders resident within the county, they returned the same, which was placed in the hands of David Aiken, Jr., Esq., County Treasurer, for collection.

The tax, it will be seen, is to be assessed against the banks, but the individual shareholders thereof. The banks, by assuming payment as a whole, thus relieve their shareholders from all trouble in the matter.

Under the fifth section, two of the banks of this city (the First National and the Mechanics National) elected to pay the one per cent., and thus relieved their stockholders from liability to any further taxation on their stock.

The following banks have paid the County Treasurer the amounts assessed against their stockholders. The table exhibits the assessed valuation per share, the total valuation, and the amount of the tax assessed to each bank:

| | Assessed valuation per share | Total valuation | Amount of tax. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Farmers' Deposit National Bank | $145 | $ 427,750 | $ 1,283 26 |
| First National Bank of Birmingham | 115 | 110,285 | 330 86 |
| Union National B'k | 100 | 312,500 | 937 17 |
| Iron City do | 85 | 361,250 | 1,083 75 |
| Second do do | 55 | 478,475 | 1,435 42 |
| Mer & Manufs do | 65 | 422,252 | 1,266 48 |
| First N l B'k of Ally | 125 | 241,600 | 1,174 80 |
| Second do do | 115 | 168,130 | 504 39 |
| Peoples Nation'l B'k | 105 | 1,037,425 | 3,082 38 |
| Citizens' do | 100 | 203,250 | 1,179 38 |
| 2d Nat'l B'k of P'gh | 100 | 297,000 | 891 00 |
| City do | 60 | 833,602 | 2,500 99 |
| Pittsburgh National | | | |
| Bank of Commerce | 105 | 477,540 | 1,432 62 |
| Tradesmen's Nat'l B'k | 110 | 427,000 | 1,281 75 |
| 3d Nat'l B'k of P'gh | 128 | 397,892 | 1,793 57 |
| Total | | $7,047,441 | $21,142 49 |

The following banks have refused to pay, thus rendering it necessary for the Treasurer to collect the tax from the shareholders individually:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Exchange Nat'l B'k | $ 66 | $1,389,360 | $ 4,168 17 |
| Fourth National | 100 | 277,200 | 831 60 |
| Total | | $1,666,560 | $ 4,999 77 |

### Sales of Real Estate.

The following deeds were placed in the hands of H. Snively, Esq., Recorder, January 17, 1868:

Wm. Dubicher to Henry Reineman; lots on Two hill, 44 by 150 feet, with buildings. $2,000 00

Thomas Bradford to Margaret Bradford; lot in Hartlieb's street, Allegheny, 20 by 79 feet. 300 00

Harvey Dunphrey to Isaac Boyce, tract of land on Chartiers creek, 25 acres and 40 perches (deed dated 24 April, 1849) with buildings. 3,040 05

Elizabeth N. Davis to Henry Aleg lot in the Seventh ward, 46 feet on Davis street by 90 feet deep. 400 00

Ferdinand Seybold to Jacob Eisele, two lots in Lower St. Clair township, in Brown's plan, with buildings. 2,400 00

John Kain to Samuel Fry, lot in Pennsylvania alley, nine acres, with buildings. 800 00

Lewis Harvey to Wm. Sales; lot in Mechanicsburg, 80 by 76 feet, on Ringold street. 225 00

Alice Schmidt and others to Louis Wartz; lot in West's plan, Third ward, Allegheny

C. H. Love to Chas. Schuiper and Henry Hunneshagen; two lots in "Lorenz Farm, Chartiers township. 1,000 00

Charles Schleiper to John Schleiper; lot on Perry street, Third ward, Allegheny, 20 by 90 feet. 300 00

Jacob Oesta to Charles Range; lot No. 4 in Vogelin's plan, Allegheny. 1,800 00

Sarah Williams to Mrs. Louisa Noble, lot on Fourth street near Grant, 18 by 85 feet, with buildings. 3,400 00

James McCartney to Wm. Miller, lot in Chartiers township, on the Manchester plank road. 375 00

George Gross to Frederick Linke, lot on Sheffield street, Allegheny, (late Manchester) 40 by 158 feet. 2,400 00

Joseph H. Noble to Robert Liddell, lot on Smallman street, Ninth ward, 24 by 120 feet. 1,800 00

August Ammon to George Kuhlman; lot in Birmingham, 19 feet on Carson street, by 95 feet deep. 2,200 00

Clifton Wharton, trustee, to George Kuhlman; lot on Mary street, East Birmingham, 40 by 120 feet. 2,400 00

George Gross to Michael Kreuz, lot on Sheffield street, Manchester, 20 by 138 feet. 1,100 00

Mary Ammon and others to Joseph Ingham, 138 acres in Shaler township, Adjoining lands of John Herron, John Scott, and others. 13,000 00


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## BANK STATEMENTS.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Pittsburgh, January 6, 1868.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Notes and Bills Discounted | $ 500,037 67 |
| U. S. Bonds Deposited with U. S. Treasurer to secure circulation | 500,000 00 |
| Other U. S. Bonds | 30,000 00 |
| Specie and Other Lawful Money | 175,733 78 |
| Due by Banks | 82,070 03 |
| Real Estate and Banking House | 43,597 75 |
| Expenses and Premiums | 431 79 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3,666 00 |
| | $1,335,537 02 |

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Capital Stock | $ 500,000 00 |
| Surplus Fund and Earnings | 23,567 17 |
| Circulation | 448,500 00 |
| Due Depositors | $286,304 72 |
| Due Banks and Bankers | 64,466 11—344,770 83 |
| Dividends Unpaid | 16 669 00 |
| | $1,335,537 02 |

I certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement made to the Comptroller of the Currency.
J. S. H. HILL, Cashier.


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Call and examine our stock at No. 114 SMITHFIELD STREET, opposite the Postoffice.


EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—ALL persons interested will take notice that letters Testamentary have this day been issued by the Register of Allegheny county to the undersigned, as Executors of the last will and testament of JAMES WOOD, late of the city of Pittsburgh, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate of said deceased will call and make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will forthwith present the same, duly probated, for settlement to the undersigned, at No. 115 WATER STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa.
JAMES T. WOOD,
CHARLES A. WOOD,
BENJ. B. HEATH,
December 11, 1867. Executors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration upon the estate of MARY BARBRA GARBER, deceased, late of Lawrenceville, Allegheny county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment for the same, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same without delay for payment to the subscriber.
M. M. BOSWORTH, Administrator,
Lawrenceville, Pa.

ADMINISTRATION. — LETTERS of Administration upon the estate of Mrs. BARBARA WINEBRIDGE, late of Liberty township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against said estate will present them immediately for payment, and all persons indebted will make payment to A. H. GROSS, at his office, in B. E. Liberty.
EVALINE GROSS, Administratrix,
A. H. GROSS, Administrator.
Liberty Township, January 3, 1868. M.


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## FINANCIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
HARRISBURG, December 18, 1867.

NOTICE
TO THE
HOLDERS OF THE
LOANS
OF THE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
*DUE JULY 1st, 1868.*
THE FOLLOWING
LOANS,
DUE JULY 1st, 1868,
*WILL BE REDEEMED WITH INTEREST TO DATE OF PAYMENT ON PRESENTATION AT THE*
FARMERS' AND MECHANICS'
NATIONAL BANK,
OF
PHILADELPHIA.
VIZ:
LOAN OF MARCH 27, 1839; DUE JULY 1, 1868.
LOAN OF JULY 19, 1839, DUE JULY 1, 1868.

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Interest on the above Loans will cease on the 1st OF JULY, 1868,
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JOHN F. HARTRANFT,
AUDITOR GENERAL,
W. H. KEMBLE,
STATE TREASURER,
*COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.*
eod

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## PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS
FOR STATE PRINTING.
Agreeably to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act in relation to Public Printing," approved the 9th day of April, A. D. 1856, and the supplements thereto approved 25th February, 1863, notice is hereby given, that the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives of said Commonwealth will receive sealed proposals until twelve o'clock, at noon of the fourth Tuesday of January, 1868, for doing the Public Printing and Binding, for the term of three years from the first day of July next, at a certain rate per centum below the rates specified in said act relative to Public Printing and Binding, approved the ninth day of April, A. D., 1856, according to the mode, and manner and conditions specified in said act, and the several supplements thereto.
Said proposals to specify the rate per centum on the whole of the rates of the said act taken together, and not a specification of the rate per centum below the rates on each item. The following is the form of proposals for the State Printing and Binding:
I ——, propose to do all the State Printing and Binding in the manner and in all respects subject to the conditions of the act of the ninth of April, A. D., 1856, and the several supplements thereto, for the period of three years from the first day of July next, at the rate of —— per centum below the rates specified in said act; and should the state Printing and Binding, as aforesaid, be allotted to me, I will be ready forthwith with bond, and approved securities, as required by the act approved 29th February, 1864, for the faithful performance of the work to be allotted, which said proposals shall be signed, and together with the bond required, shall be sealed up and endorsed "Proposals for Public Printing and Binding," and shall be directed to the said Speakers, and be delivered to one or both of them as aforesaid, to be opened and read, and allotment made on the 28th day of January, 1868, agreeably to the provisions of the said act of the 9th of April, 1856, and the several supplements thereto.
F. JORDAN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth,
January 6th, 1868. td

PROPOSALS
FOR TOWING SALT.
SEALED PROPOSALS for Towing all the Salt manufactured by the OHIO RIVER SALT CO., in the year 1868, will be received up to 12 o'clock M. WEDNESDAY, the 22d day of January, 1868, the Ohio river Salt Co. to furnish a good, safe, steady barge and to load the Salt.
The party contracting will be required to furnish three or more good and sufficient Tow-boats, Tow the Salt, pay Lock Fees, Wharfage, Watching, Unloading, and all other expenses, except on Salt unloaded at Maysville, Covington and Louisville, Ky.; Portsmouth, Ripley and Cincinnati, O., and Madison, Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind. The salt will be in barrels of either 5 bushels or 280 pounds, and proposals should state price per barrel of either size to each of the following places:

| | |
|---|---|
| Pittsburgh, Pa., | Covington, Ky., |
| Steubenville, O., | Paducah, Ky., |
| Wellsville, O., | Smithland, Ky., |
| Bellaire, O., | Columbus, Ky., |
| Marietta, O., | Hickman, Ky., |
| Portsmouth, O., | Madison, Ind., |
| Ripley, O., | Jeffersonville, Ind., |
| Cincinnati, O., | New Albany, Ind., |
| Hannibal, Mo., | Evansville, Ind., |
| St. Louis, Mo., | Cairo, Ill., |
| Wellsburg, W. Va., | Alton, Ill., |
| Wheeling, W. Va., | Quincy, Ill., |
| Parkersburg, W. Va., | Memphis, Tenn., |
| Maysville, Ky., | Nashville, Tenn. |

The minimum stage of water that the towboats will be required to run will be when towboats can leave Pomeroy, safely, with tow drawing three and one-half (3½) feet of water, and tow to such places as they can reasonably be expected to reach with barges of that draught; the barges to be returned without delay by the party towing to the Salt Co.'s boat yards at Middleport, O.
The Ohio River Salt Co. will, as far as possible, give reasonable tows, though they will not positively contract full tows to each point.
The Ohio River Salt Co. reserve the right to refuse all proposals, or to award the towing of Salt from Pomeroy, O., to Pittsburgh, Pa., to one party, or award it to the same party who tows to the Southern or Western markets.
The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give bonds with satisfactory security for the faithful performance of his contract.
Proposals may be addressed to Hon. V. B. HORTON, Pomeroy, Ohio, marked "Proposals for Salt Towing."
OHIO RIVER SALT CO.,
Per R. R. HUDSON, Sec'y.

## DRUGGISTS.


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## INSURANCE.

STATEMENT OF THE CASH INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PITTSBURGH, PA., from January 1st to December 31st, 1867, inclusive.
Published in accordance with the requirements of the 15th section of an Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved April 2d, 1856.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Capital authorized and paid in | | $100,000 00 |
| 2. Assets. | | |
| United States 5-20s | $81,500 00 | |
| Bills receivable | 15,850 82 | |
| Mortgages | 12,800 00 | |
| Allegheny City Bonds | 2,000 00 | |
| Bank Stock | 4,200 00 | |
| Insurance Stock | 2,300 00 | |
| Individual Accounts, Premiums | 1,256 61 | |
| Cash in Bank | 2,448 00 | |
| Cash in Bank, Legal Tender | 3,502 79 | |
| Office Furniture | 354 10 | $127,585 32 |
| 3. Amount of premiums received from Jan. 1st, to December 31st, 1867, including | | $29,498 67 |
| 4. Amount of Interest received in 1867 | | $8,546 11 |
| 5. Paid since January 1st, 1867, as follows, viz: | | |
| Fire and Marine Losses | $35,324 33 | |
| Reinsurance | 2,566 93 | |
| Returned Premiums | 1,965 47 | |
| Commissions on Premiums | 167 71 | |
| U. S. Taxes, Stamps, and Bankers' License | 837 50 | |
| State and City Taxes | 732 02 | |
| Salaries, Rent and all other Expenses | 5,875 63 | $ 36,462 59 |
| 6. Amount of outstanding risks December 31st, 1867 | | $1,804,980 78 |
| 7. Amount of all debts and liabilities December 31, 1867 of losses unadjusted, and claims of every character, not exceeding | | $11,430 00 |

JOSEPH T. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

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Entering, as we now are, on the Presidential year, a preference for GEN. GRANT FOR THE PRESIDENCY has already been expressed. In this respect, the COMMERCIAL was one of the first to take a decided stand; and it has the satisfaction of having already seen its favorite the accepted of the great majority of the Republican party.

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## STATE NEWS.

All the rolling mills in Allentown are partially idle owing to a strike among the puddlers. A reduction of one dollar per ton was made in the wages, which the men refused to accede to, and hence the difficulty. All the mills along the Lehigh are in a similar condition.

Mr. Alexander Thompson, of Mercer, and a practical machinist of New Castle, and other parties, have in contemplation the erection of a foundry and machine shops in Mercer the coming summer.

Simon Ferringer, aged fourteen years, of Redbank township, Clarion county, on the 11th inst. while at play accidentally hung himself.

John Probst and Samuel Laughrey, alleged counterfeiters, were arrested on Wednesday—the former in Mercer and the latter in Meadville—and are now in jail at Erie, awaiting examination.

On Saturday night, 11th inst., the hotel at Pittsfield, Warren county, kept by Dr. Green, took fire and burned to the ground. It was a large three story wooden structure and had a number of outbuildings connected with it, all of which were burned. The fire burned up so rapidly that many of the effects of the boarders and a large portion of the hotel furniture were destroyed. The loss is about $4,000 and $5,000, and falls principally upon W. A. Lewis, of Westfield, W. T. Dalrymple, and Mr. Green, of Pittsfield. The building was insured for $1,500.

The dry goods and grocery store of John W. Humes, in Altoona, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday evening, 12th inst. Insured for $2,000, which will not cover the loss.

The Fulton *Republican* states that F. W. Symons, a young Jersey lawyer, who started from Philadelphia about one month ago on foot, on his way to Leavenworth, Kansas, left McConnellsburg on Monday of last week for Pittsburgh. He was first detained a week or more in Cumberland county by sprained ankle, and then in McConnellsburg some three weeks by storms and bad roads. He has abandoned the trip, and will return to McConnellsburg to take up his abode and pursue the study of law.

The editor of the Tyrone *Herald* recently took the census of Tyrone borough. The result showed a population of 1,329 some 500 less than was estimated. The classification of church members is as follows:—Methodists 161, Catholics 126, Presbyterians 63, Lutherans 56, Spiritualists 11, Baptists 9, Evangelical 1, United Brethren 1, Protestant Episcopalian 1, Universalists 5, Brethren 3, German Reform 2, United Presbyterian 1, Church of God 1.

Judge Chris. S. Eyster, formerly of the Pittsburgh Bar, and family, left Chambersburgh for Denver, Colorado territory, their future home, last week.

The *Montana Post*, of the 21st of December, contains the following: "The Governor appointed and the Council yesterday confirmed as Notary Public of 'Old Baldy' district, Madison county, Montana territory, Col. A. K. M'Clure, late of Pennsylvania. This is the first Republican confirmation. The Honorable Council had probably not read 'The Political Lessons of 1867.'"

Mr. Nicholas Kebort, an old and respected citizen of Vernon township, Crawford county, committed suicide on Saturday night, 15th inst., by hanging himself in his barn. No cause is assigned for the act. He was about sixty years of age and leaves a large family.

Early on Sunday morning, 12th inst., a woman's dress, wrapped around a pair of shoes was found on the river bank, below the dam at Lewisburg, Union county. The same morning, Susan, wife of Wm. Gibbony, of that place, was missed from her house, and it is supposed left behind all her clothing, except the articles found at the river. It is feared that while in a fit of melancholy she committed suicide by drowning herself, induced by causes, it is rumored, that may hereafter be investigated.

The barn belonging to Samual Donahay, of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, was burned on Friday week last, caused by friction on a threshing machine which was at work at the time. The barn with all its contents, one large threshing machine and one cow, were burned. The loss will reach $4,000. No insurance.

The citizens of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, were startled on Wednesday by the explosion of the boiler of the engine at the steam saw mill of Baker, Jackson & Co., situated about two miles west of Ligonier, though, fortunately for all the hands employed about the mill were at supper at the time, and no one was injured. The boiler and building were blown to pieces. The loss to the owners will be over $1,000. No insurance.

John Lowrie, an old steamboat clerk and captain, aged forty or forty-five years, died at the Sisters' Hospital, St. Louis, on the 7th. A St. Louis paper says: "His birthplace is a subject of doubt, but it is supposed he was born in Pennsylvania, and had his residence some time in Pittsburgh. The deceased was understood to be worth in 1863-64 from thirty to sixty thousand dollars. He sometimes stated to his most intimate friends that in 1866 he lost $25,000 or $30,000 by steamboat stock, and grew seriously in ice adventures and barges. John Lowrie seemed at times to have before him a bright prospect. He was unmarried, of a quiet, retiring disposition, and went quietly out of earthly existence."

Eight gold-headed canes, each worth fifty dollars, willed by the late John S. Brady, Esq., of Washington county, have been presented to the following persons: Judge A. W. Acheson; Sobeski Brady, of Wheeling; Col. J. D. Chambers; Major John H. Ewing; Major Jos. Henderson; D. S. Wilson, Esq.; James Watson, Esq.; Mrs. Gow, for John L. Gow, Esq., deceased; and Alexander Wilson Esq., received in lieu of a cane a silver service set. The canes as well as silver set were appropriately inscribed. Mr. Brady also, as a memorial of the long and intimate friendship which subsisted between himself and William Waugh, Esq., and Colonel John D. Chambers, bequeathed to each of these gentlemen a gold watch and chain, to be purchased by his executors, and suitably inscribed. The watches selected will cost four hundred dollars each.

## RAILWAY MATTERS.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS—NEW PROJECTS.

—At the annual election for President and Directors of the Jamestown and Franklin Railroad held at Stoneboro, on Monday, 13th instant, the following gentlemen were elected: President—James Miles; Directors—John S. McCalmont, S. F. Dale, James Bleakley, Wm. Collins, Peter H. Watson, Amasa Stone, Jr.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Oil Creek Railroad Company, held at Corry, on the 13th inst., the following officers and directors were elected: President, Isaac S. Alden, of Warren; Vice President and Superintendent, H. F. Sweetser; Treasurer, F. A. Phillips; Secretary, John F. McPherson; Directors, Messrs. Struthers, Mead, Hecker, Harmon, Fargo, Roberts, Lansing, Lee, Devin. Mr. Alden is an attorney of Warren, and has been connected with the road in different capacities, since its construction. The election of Mr. Sweetser, the office of Vice President and Superintendent, places the Oil Creek road practically under his more immediate management and control.

—The following officers for the Ebensburg and Cresson Railroad for the current year were elected: President, A. A. Barker; Directors, John Williams, E. Roberts, George J. Rodgers, Thomas Griffith, Abel Lloyd, H. J. Lombaert, Henry Foster, George M. Reade, Amos Myers, T. Blair Moore, Evan E. Evans, R. Jones, jr.

—The name selected for the new railroad project between Cleveland and Zanesville is "the Cleveland, Wooster and Zanesville Railroad." The capital stock of the company was fixed at $2,000,000. Its incorporators are Jay Cumbly, Jr., Wooster; James McDermott, Cleveland; John Rounds, Medina; R. T. Lyon, Cleveland; T. C. Bradley, Seville; J. H. Newton, Millersburg; Alanson Pomeroy, Bereа; J. W. Allen, Cleveland; Philo Chamberlin, Cleveland. The road, it built, will pass through the following counties: Cuyahoga, Medina, Wayne, Holmes, Coshocton and Muskingum.

—The Erie, Pennsylvania Central, and New York Central, have agreed upon rates of freight and a passenger tariff of a character to increase the earnings. The roads have agreed not to give passes to persons sending freight by them. Upon the New York Central and various reforms, intended to produce revenue, are being introduced. All baggage above one hundred pounds for passengers is now charged for as first class freight.

—The question of laying down steel rails is now attracting considerable attention, and we hear that both the New Haven and Hudson River Roads have made arrangements to introduce them. Their limited use in England has proved highly satisfactory. In 1862 steel rails were laid at different points on the London and Northwestern route, where, owing to the excessively heavy character of the traffic, iron rails were usually worn out or very materially injured in the course of a few months. A paper read not long since before the Society of Civil Engineers of England, says: "Two of Bell's steel rails laid in 1862, at the Chalk Farm bridge, side by side with two ordinary iron rails, were, after outlasting sixteen faces of the iron rails taken out in August, 1865; and the one face only, which had been exposed during a period of more than three years to the enormous traffic amounting to something like 9,550,000 engines, trucks, &c., and 95,577,240 tons, although evenly worn to the extent of a little more than a quarter of an inch, still appears to be capable of enduring a good deal more of work." The able author of this paper argues, will not only prove cheaper in the end, but, what is of infinitely more importance, will, through the less frequent breaking up of the road, materially add to the safety of the travelling public, the engineers, and other employees of the roads. The experiments to be made on the Hudson and New Haven Roads will be watched with interest. Should they prove satisfactory, there are many routes in the country which are able to and should introduce steel rails.

## CITY MATTERS.

FOR RENT.—A house of eleven rooms and finished attic, conveniently situated, is offered for rent at $350. See "For Rent" column, first page.

REVENUE STAMPS, of all denominations, will be sold at the stamp window of the Postoffice, after Tuesday, January 21st. This is an accommodation that will be appreciated by the public at large.

PATENT FOR SKATING RINKS.—Messrs. Herveys & Johnson have received notification that a patent has been granted them for covered buildings for skating. This firm has erected nearly all the Rinks in this country and Canada.

PITTOCK, opposite the Postoffice, has received the February numbers of Putnam's, Lippincott's and the People's Magazines, and the new paper entitled "Fly Sheet." The contents of the magazines are rich and varied.

STILL LIVING.—At a late hour last evening, John A. Schrock, the young man who was burned so badly during the explosion on Saturday morning, was still living, although no hopes were entertained of his recovery.

REAL ESTATE AND LEASEHOLD SALES.—Messrs. Smithson, Vanhook & McClelland, Auctioneers, sold at 77½ Fifth street, sold on Saturday, by auction, the two-story brick dwelling house, No. 81 Isabella street, Allegheny City, to S. R. Gudtoth, Esq., for the sum of $7,350. And the lease of the building, No. 98 Wylie street, to P. L. Cella, Esq., for $1,450 bonus.

OIL BURNED.—At an early hour on Saturday morning a large tank at Mr. Edward Shaw's oil refinery, situated on the Allegheny river, near Fairview, containing three hundred barrels of oil, caught fire, and the burning oil flowing down to the river set fire to several hulk of lumber, also belonged to Mr. Shaw, and which were destroyed. The loss is estimated at two or three thousand dollars.

THE SKATING RINK.—Mr. Eugene Pratt, the renowned skater, made his last appearance at this elegant place of amusement on Saturday evening, before one of the largest audiences of the season. During the evening Major Herrvey, the manager of the Rink, at the request of Mr. Pratt, returned thanks for the receipts he had received. The ice is now in splendid condition, and large crowds are expected to be present this afternoon and evening.

EN ROUTE FOR NEW YORK.—Two members of the New York police arrived in this city yesterday, having in custody Rourke, who was arrested in Chicago some days since on a charge of shooting a police officer in New York about two years ago. The prisoner was confined in the lock-up over night. He is a young man, apparently about thirty years of age, and possesses a fine personal appearance. The officers left for New York in the early train this morning.

GREAT SALE OF OIL PAINTINGS.—Messrs. Bailey & Co. announce another great sale of oil paintings at Hemmitsal Hall, Philadelphia, on the evening of February 21 and 4th. The collection is made up of the most valuable and attractive paintings now on exhibition at the Academy of Fine Arts in that city. A descriptive list of the collection is open to public inspection. Catalogue and terms of sale may be had at Messrs. Bailey & Co., 819 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to announce the death of M. J. Russell Patterson, son of A. Patterson, Esq., President of the National Bank of Commerce, was drowned on Saturday morning while skating on the Monongahela river, near Wheeling. Mr. Patterson was twenty-three years of age, and was an estimable young man. His body was recovered and forwarded to his father's residence on Ridge street, Allegheny. Notice of the funeral will be found in another column.

**George Alfred Townsend.**

The readers of the COMMERCIAL will bear in mind that the distinguished and talented young lecturer, George Alfred Townsend, will give his lecture, "The Lands to the North of Us," at Lafayette Hall to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association. The lecture, as its title indicates, is one descriptive of the great lakes of Montreal, Quebec, Labrador and many other cold countries, including what is our new possession, Alaska, and as the description is painted in true polish language it possesses an interest that none who appreciate eloquence can resist. The press, wherever the lecturer has been delivered this season, have spoken highly of it, and the Louisville *Journal* says "never was an audience more highly entertained by any lecturer to whom we have ever listened. Tickets for the lecture may be had at the Library Rooms, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, as usual.

**The Persecuted Christians in Turkey.**

Yesterday forenoon, afternoon and evening, in three different churches in this city, the Rev. Arthur Bogdan, a Nestorian prince, delivered the young men's christian union address, which is noticed by the caption of this report. We deferred listening to the Rev. Mr. Bogdan until the evening service, at the Evangelical English Lutheran Church, Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., pastor, on Seventh, near Smithfield street. The audience room was filled and a decided interest was manifested by the Rev. Mr. Bogdan, for the suffering Christians. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Laird, after which he introduced the Rev. Mr. Bogdan, who commenced the following text for the basis of his remarks: "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life." *2d Corinthians, 1st chap., 8th verse.* The reverend gentleman remarked, early history sets forth the fact that when a Christian church suffered from oppression inflicted by its enemies, messengers were dispatched to kindred churches in different places to spread before them the nature of the troubles which beset them, and to excite christian sympathy, and to secure all the assistance possible in their behalf. Belonging to the Nestorian branch of the Christian church—a sect which was organized in the first century, and which was renowned as a missionary church, and contended for truth in opposition to every form of impiety and idolatry, but which now, as in times past, was greatly persecuted by those who decried our religion—he, the speaker, was called upon to take up the usage of the primative followers of Jesus Christ, had come among us to tell the story of the wrongs and sufferings of their brethren in a far distant land, and many thousands of whom he sketched, he sketched, in an interesting manner, the tyrannies practiced upon the Christian churches in the very land which was hallowed by the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth and His twelve apostles. But he dwelt in detail upon the cruelties and outrages perpetrated by the Turkish power upon the Christians. The latter he had witnessed in their attachment to the cross of the Son of God. They knew how to "endure hardships as good soldiers," and many thousands of them had heroically sealed their faith in Christ with their lives—having met a martyr's death connected with their privations and miseries were decided by the speaker. For example, Christian men and women had their tongues rooted out for having offered thanks giving and supplication to God, and others had their eyes plucked out for having read the Bible; others were roasted and smothered to death; many were pinned to the earth with sharp wooden stakes driven through the body; others were crucified, and thrown to the dogs; others were crucified, crowned, flayed alive, and a allocated in mountain caves, etc. In fact, every species of torture had been resorted to for the purpose of exterminating the Christians, and no sex was spared in any case. The inhumanity of the Mahommedan power has shocked the civilized world, and the blood of millions has slain "for conscience sake" called from the ground to plead for vengeance upon their murderers. And to produced abundant proofs of the correctness of all his representations concerning the persecuted Christians in Turkey. He called upon England and France of acting indirectly responsible for these outrages against humanity by keeping the power of Russia, which had led them to sustain the cause of the Mahommedans at their expense of Christian religion. The United States had promptly asserted through Congress its condemnation of those atrocities, and our representatives abroad, Hon. Dan Morris, of Pennsylvania, and others had contributed a great deal of money to help the cause of and ease the suffering of the Christians and protect them against further violence. He, the speaker, was then continuing, briefly, the part England and France had taken in this question and appealed to this Christian community for sympathy and aid in behalf of the suffering people he represented.

After the discourse a collection was made and a liberal sum realized. Next sunday morning, the Rev. Mr. Bogdan will occupy the Rev. Dr. Morgan's pulpit, Ninth Protestant Episcopal Church, on Penn street, and in the evening, the Rev. Dr. Miller's pulpit, Second Presbyterian church, Diamond alley.

## FEARFUL CALAMITY.

**Another Fatal Explosion and Conflagration—Two Persons Killed and One Dangerously Injured.**

Our city was the scene of another frightful calamity on Saturday. Shortly after ten o'clock in the morning an explosion occurred in the building, No. 23 Smithfield street, near First, occupied by Messrs. Krable & Schrock as a confectionary and grocery establishment. The explosion was followed by a series of others in rapid succession, when it was ascertained that a quantity of fireworks in the store had ignited and set fire to the building. A general alarm was immediately sounded, and the entire department was soon on the ground. The fire had by this time, however, communicated to the upper stories, and the explosion of rockets and other fire works continued. The steamers were immediately placed in service, and the fire prevented from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

A GALLANT FIREMAN.

Shortly after the arrival of the steamers the announcement was made to the firemen that several persons were known to have been employed in the building, as they had not been seen since the explosion, it was feared they had perished. A ladder was procured, placed against the front wall, and several of the firemen mounted it and broke in one of the upper sash, but the flames and smoke prevented them from entering the window. In the meantime, Mr. John H. McElroy, a member of the Duquesne Fire Company, and First Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, gained access to the rear part of the building, ascended the back stairs, and despite the smoke and suffocating gases, entered the room where the persons had been employed. Lying on the floor near the door he discovered the body of a human being. He immediately took it in his arms and carried it into the kitchen occupied by Messrs. Thudie & McElhenny adjoining, and then returned to the burning building. Upon entering the room a second time he discovered a young man standing by a window, with her face covered by her hands. Dashing through the flames he succeeded in safely conducting the latter to the window, from which she was removed across the street to the Duquesne Engine House. A further search resulted in finding the body of a boy, which was also removed to the engine house.

THE VICTIMS IDENTIFIED.

When the bodies were discovered no one present was able to identify them. John Schrock, a member of the firm, arrived a short time afterwards, and recognized the young man first brought down, and recognized him as his son, John A. Schrock. He had already exhibited signs of life, and his sufferings appeared to increase. He was severely burned in the face, breast hands and wrists. The sight of both eyes also partially destroyed. The burns might not have resulted fatally had he not inhaled the gas. The injured man was removed to Passavant's Hospital, where he is attended by Dr. Passavant, who entertains no hopes of his recovery. He is eighteen years of age, and resided with his parents on South avenue, Allegheny.

The body of the young woman was identified as that of Miss Mary Campbell, aged twenty-two years, who was engaged in the establishment in packing confectionery. She had apparently died from suffocation, as she exhibited few signs of being burned. She was a sister of Joseph and Frank Campbell, of the Allegheny police, and resided on Federal street, Second ward, Allegheny. Her remains were removed to her home and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon at two o'clock.

The third body found was identified after a considerable time as that of Frederick Ramser, a lad fourteen years old. He probably died of suffocation. Although severely burned, his injuries were less than those of Mrs. Campbell. He resided with his parents, on Robinson street, Allegheny, and was buried yesterday afternoon.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner Clawson, with his usual promptitude, repaired on the scene immediately after the explosion, but as it was impossible to hold an inquest on the bodies that once empanelled a jury, and after viewing the bodies, the inquest adjourned until this evening, when it will reassemble at the Coroner's office.

CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

Many reasons have been assigned for the explosion, but is not probable that the true cause will ever be definitely ascertained, as the victims alone could give the correct solution of the matter. Some of Co oner's jury will, however, examine the case thoroughly and endeavor to arrive at some conclusion.

## A STABBING AFFAIR.

**A Young Man Stabbed During a Drunken Brawl—Arrest of Suspected Parties.**

On Saturday evening about six o'clock a young man named Frederick Killian, while in the drinking saloon of Peter Breyer, corner of Federal street and Pennsylvania avenue, became involved in a difficulty with a number of his associates, which resulted in his being stabbed in the right side, the weapon passing through the lungs, severing the arteries, and inflicting a dangerous wound. Alderman Kerr was appriged of the occurrence, when he immediately entered into an investigation of the affray. Michael Clare, a young man who was present at the time, appeared before the Alderman and made the following statement:

*Michael Clare, sworn*—On Saturday evening about six o'clock, Peter Wicklin, Jack Rice, William Duncan, Fred. Killian, and others, unknown, were in the tavern of Peter Breyer, corner of Federal street avenue and Federal street; a difficulty occurred between the barkeeper and a party unknown; Killian took up the quarrel; some person took Killian away; Rice remarked to me that Killian had a knife; Killian then started out of the house; the other then went outside; Rice and I followed, and as we got out, Killian said, "Which of you fellows is the man?" he said so, he stepped into the street, and while waiting for them Wicklin and Duncan pulled their coats off. As they did so I said, two to one you can fight him. Wicklin then said he would fight him. While then I saw Killian, but immediately came away, saying that Killian had a knife. Two or three persons (I don't know their names), then went toward Killian as far as the gate, and while in the gate Duncan kicked Killian once. After the kick Duncan was fighting with me, as he said I took Killian's part. We settled the matter amicably. Jack Rice, Fred. Killian, another person, and myself went to Joseph Armstrong's and took a drink, and then there and returned to where the altercation with Killian took place, and heard from some friends that Killian was in the tavern. I said that if he was not, I would go. They went to Spencer's and took a drink. Did not see Killian after we left the gate. Did not see a knife in anybody's hands.

During the evening, Officers Shore, Wilmot and Moore, Lieutenant Hamilton and Officer Hays arrested Wicklin, and Rice, and at a later hour Duncan, all of whom were taken to the police station and committed to jail for a further hearing. The injured man was conveyed in the same conveyance on Townsend street, where he is attended by Dr. Cook. L. McCook. He is about twenty-five years of age, and is employed at the Novelty Works. He was much easier yesterday afternoon, and states that he is positive that Jack Rice stabbed him.

**Contributions to Relief Fund.**

The following acknowledgment of additional subscriptions to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the late explosion at Rees, Graff & Dull's mill is made:

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| Proceeds sale of 10 bushels potatoes donated by J. W. E. | $10 00 |
| Miss M. A. Gilmore, Wylie Ave. | 5 00 |
| First German Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh | 39 16 |
| H. Gerard, McCook & Co. | 5 00 |
| D. S. McCook | 31 00 |
| H. G. W. Hanna | 5 00 |
| Rees, Graff & Dull | 500 00 |
| Employees Rees, Graff & Dull | 68 50 |
| Joseph Woods | 10 00 |
| J. M. & Son, cash | 20 00 |
| Servia Dr. Sutton to amount on dollars | 10 00 |
| Total | $818,94 75 |
| Amount previously reported | 15,911 46 |
| Total | $15,994 75 |

About $4,000 of this amount has been expended thus far for relief of the sufferers by the explosion by the Distributing Committee.

Treasurer Relief Fund.

THE ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.—The Republican members of the Allegheny Councils will meet in caucus this evening for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various city officers within their gift. The number of applicants for the position is larger than ever before known, there being no less than ten for Superintendent of the Water Works, twelve for Inspector of the Gas Works, three for the Second Ward Scales, and three for Clerk of Markets. From what we learn, we received thirty-five applications for positions on his police force, not including the present members. A large number of the present force are also employed at the present time, and are anxious to secure positions.

**Public Amusements.**

THE FLORENCES.—The present will be a gala week in the matter of amusements, and Manager Canting not to be outdone in attraction has secured for the stars at his popular House the ever-welcome W. J. Florence and wife, who, in their respective lines of comedy, have few equals and no superiors. The talent Irish comedian, Florence does not confine himself to the impersonation of Celtic characters, but is equally at home in the quaint old English comedy or the more modern and popular drama of farce. His versatility is remarkable, and whether it be as "Paddy O'Dowd," "Colonel Fitzroy," or one of "Poodles," he performs with an auction that interests and entertains every one. Apart from this he is a captivating actress, and sings and dances in such a manner as never fails to evoke rounds of applause. These accomplished artists will appear this evening in a round of their best impersonations, and they desire to be welcomed in the old style—by a crowded and enthusiastic audience.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The grand spectacle of "Undine," from the Chicago Opera House, will be performed for the first time this evening, when the great Viennoise ballet troupe will appear. If half the Chicago papers say of it be true, the spectacle is one of the most enchanting ever placed upon the stage. The *Republican* of Friday, speaking of the last night of "Undine" says: "The final test between the premiere danseuses, Weimail and Venturoli, says: "When the curtain fell, and it fell amid a perfect storm of applause, the audience demanded its rise, and the reappearance of the ballet was greeted with an intensity of excitement but never equalled in our city. Applause, to their feet in the enthusiasm of the moment, ladies clapped their hands, gentlemen their handkerchiefs, and when the fair ones again appeared before the curtain it received a wonderful ovation, and long and enthusiastic than the Opera House ever witnessed before.


**How to Keep Water Pipes from Freezing.**

Wrap them with hair felt. It costs but little and saves expensive repairs and a world of trouble. Wm. B. Scaife, Nos. 119 and 121 First street.

**Desirable Lawrenceville Property at Auction.**

On Saturday, January 25th, at 2½ o'clock P. M., on the premises, will be sold by auction, that excellent double two-story brick dwelling house of nine rooms, on Ewalt street, Lawrenceville. See auction advertisement of Smithson, Vanhook & McClelland.

**Ability and Emaciation**

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## MARRIED:

JONES—STILES—On January 9th, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. Mathews, HALEY C. JONES, of Pittsburgh, to Miss ANNA C. STILES, of Cincinnati.

## DIED:

FETTIT—On Saturday, the 18th inst., at the residence of his father, near Hanover, Ohio, BENJAMIN F. FETTIT, of the firm of Springer, Harbaugh & Co., of this city.

PATTERSON—On Saturday, 18th inst., at 10½ o'clock A. M., near Webster, on the Monongahela river, JAMES RUSSELL PATTERSON, second son of Alfred Patterson, Esq., in the twenty-third year of his age.

The funeral will take place on MONDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, on Ridge street, Allegheny city.


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A SPECIAL MEETING of the members of the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association will be held in the room occupied by the same, at Wilkins Hall, Fourth street, on Monday evening next, January 20th, at 7½ o'clock. It is hoped that every member will be present at this meeting to support the institution. A pleasant and exciting time is expected, as several addresses will be delivered by members of the Board.

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## PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY EVENING, January 18, 1868.

During the past week, in the general markets, the most noted feature was the quietness that characterized the department of trade. There has been little or no variation in prices of leading products, or articles of general use, although the receipts have been light.

Since our last we note the following imports: Flour, 174 bbls; apples, 28 bbls; corn, 188 sacks; barley, 274 sacks; rye, 46 sacks; oats, 26 sacks, and butter, 21 pkgs.

We quote as follows, which are the wholesale store prices, unless otherwise noted:

ALE—Prices range from $3@3 75 barrel, as to quality.

ASHES—We note sales of pearls at 12c; reduced at 9½c, and soda ashes at 4½@5 ₱ lb.

BACON, LARD, ETC.—There is a moderate trade doing at 14c for sugar cured hams; 10½c for shoulders; 12½c for sides; 19c for dried beef; 13½c for lard in tierces, and 14½c ₱ lb in buckets and kegs.

LARD OIL.—No. 1 Lard oil is quoted at $1 10, and No. 2 at 87c ₱ gallon.

BEANS—Sales of prime at $2 25 ₱ bushel.

BUTTER—We note sales of 22 packages at a range of from 25@40c ₱ lb, as to quality. A choice article readily sells at the latter figure.

EGGS—We note sales at 40@42c ₱ dozen, for those fresh and in good order.

HOMINY—Sales reported of flint hominy at $3 50 ₱ barrel.

DRIED FRUIT—One of our prominent merchants is offering Tennessee peaches (quarters) at 7@8c ₱ lb, and Western apples (halves) at 6@6½c ₱ lb. Sales of dried apples were made at 8c ₱ lb.

HAY—From country wagons we quote Timothy hay selling at $16@22 ₱ ton. We note sales of prime timothy, from store, at $25 ₱ ton.

HOPS—We quote choice peachblows at $1 10@1 20 ₱ bushel.

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